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humanity into
Earth's Mightiest
Heroes."*

—AIP!

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McGUINNESS
MASTERS
MORALES**

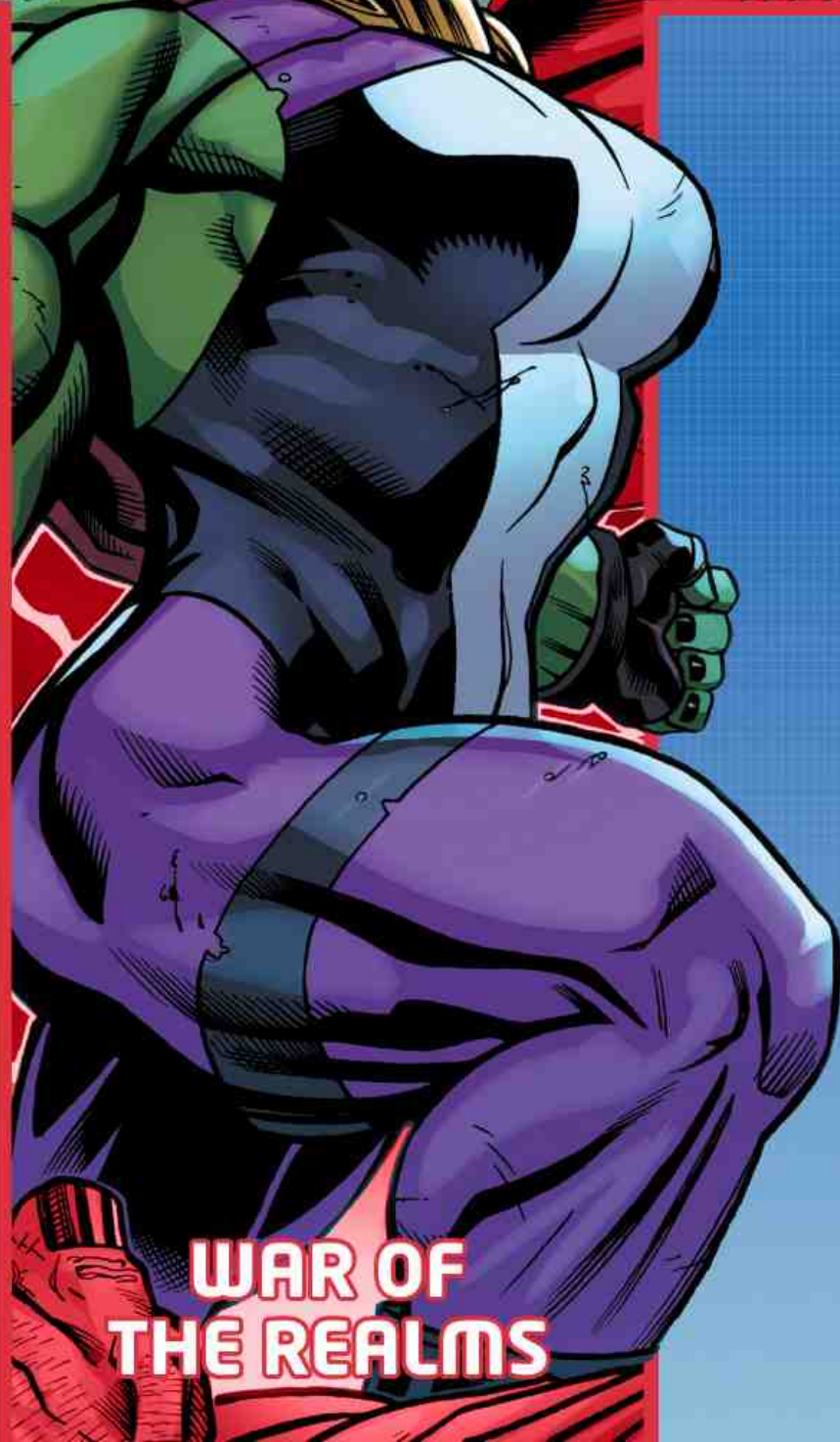
EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES

THE AVENGERS



WAR OF THE REALMS

MARVEL



**WAR OF
THE REALMS**

ON A DAY UNLIKE ANY OTHER, A DARK CELESTIAL INVASION LED IRON MAN, THOR AND CAPTAIN AMERICA TO RE-FORM THE AVENGERS, ADDING BLACK PANTHER, CAPTAIN MARVEL, SHE-HULK AND GHOST RIDER TO THEIR RANKS.

THE AVENGERS HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO KEEP THE PEACE BETWEEN SEVERAL AGGRESSIVE FACTIONS, INCLUDING RUSSIA'S WINTER GUARD AND NAMOR'S DEFENDERS OF THE DEEP. BUT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO AN AVENGERS TEAM THAT WON'T FALL IN LINE MAY BE ABOUT TO UPSET THAT DELICATE BALANCE. ENTER AGENT COULSON'S SQUADRON SUPREME OF AMERICA, JUST IN TIME FOR THE TEN REALMS TO BREAK INTO ALL-OUT WAR!



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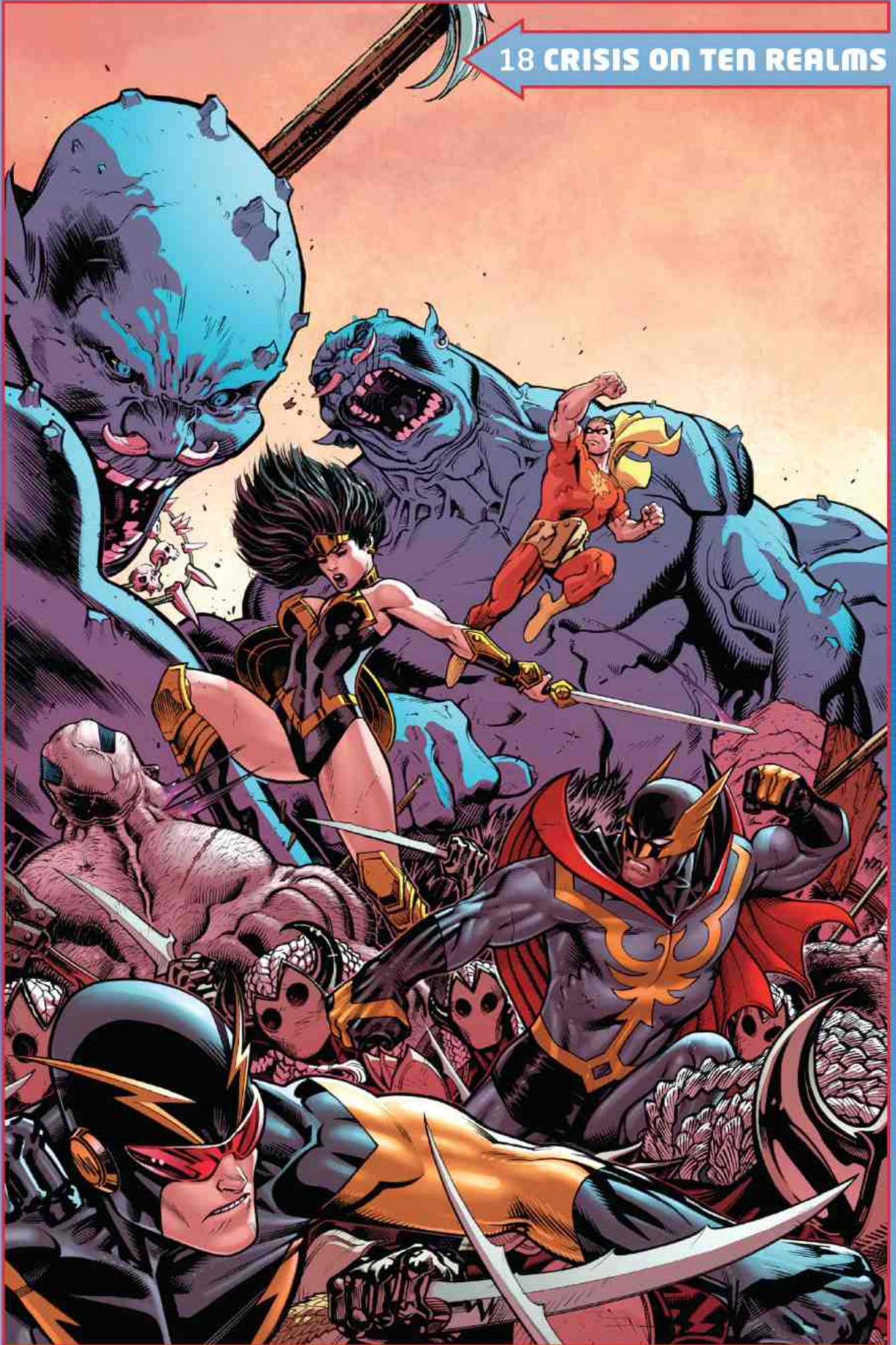
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"MALO PERICULOSAM,
LIBERTATEM QUAM
QUIETAM SERVITUTEM."

WHICH
MEANS, "I PREFER
DANGEROUS FREEDOM
OVER PEACEFUL
SLAVERY."

HE'S TRYING VERY
HARD NOT TO
FACE THE FACT
THAT NO ONE IS
LISTENING TO HIM.

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HARD NOT TO
FACE THE FACT
THAT NO ONE IS
LISTENING TO HIM.

BUT HE'S GETTING BETTER AT TUNING OUT THE NOISE.

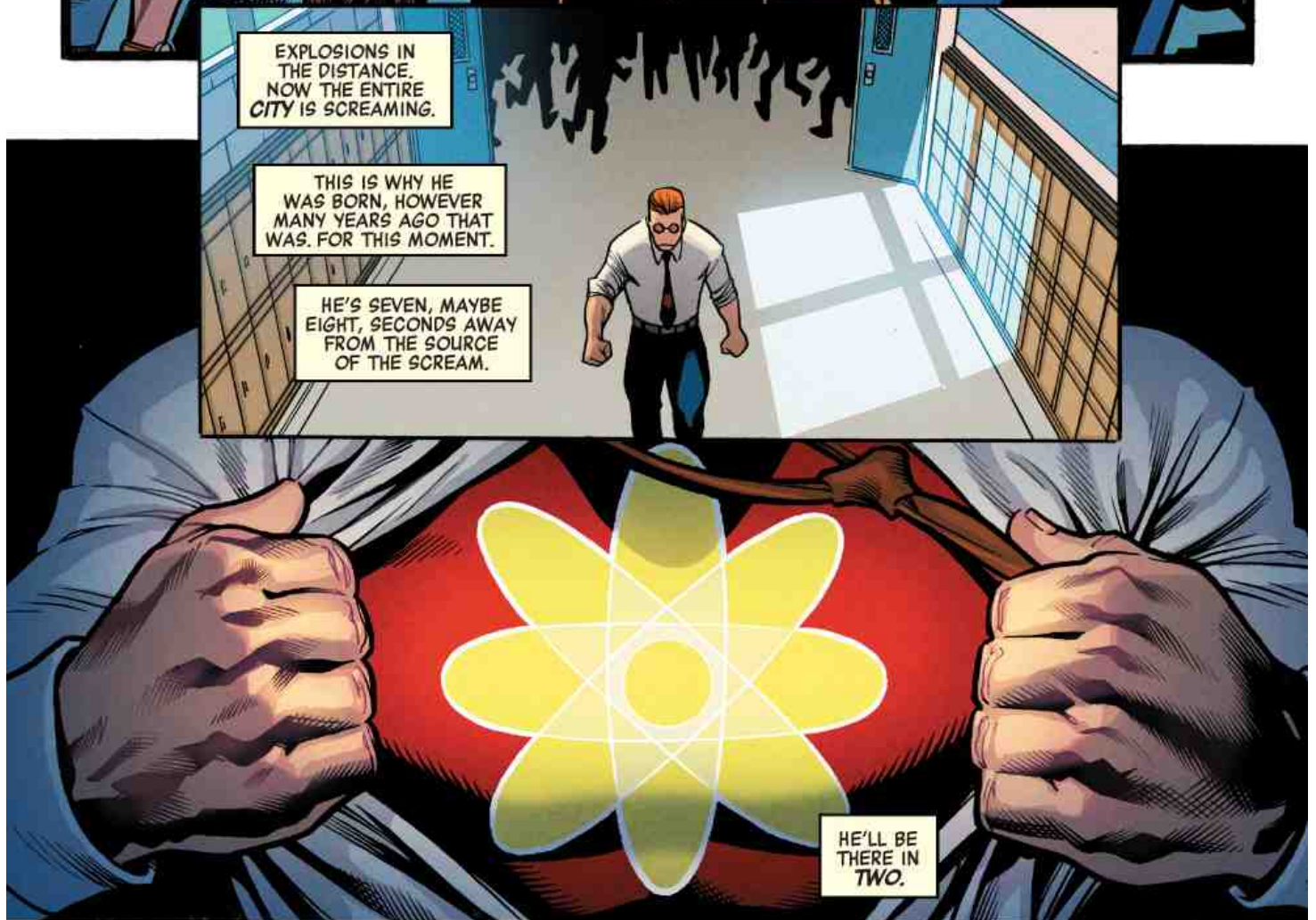
THE CRACK OF
THEIR SKIN CELLS
FLAKING OFF.

ANYBODY?

HE'S STILL LEARNING,
AS AGENT COULSON
NEVER FAILS TO REMIND
HIM. AFTER ALL, HE'S
ONLY BEEN AT THIS FOR...

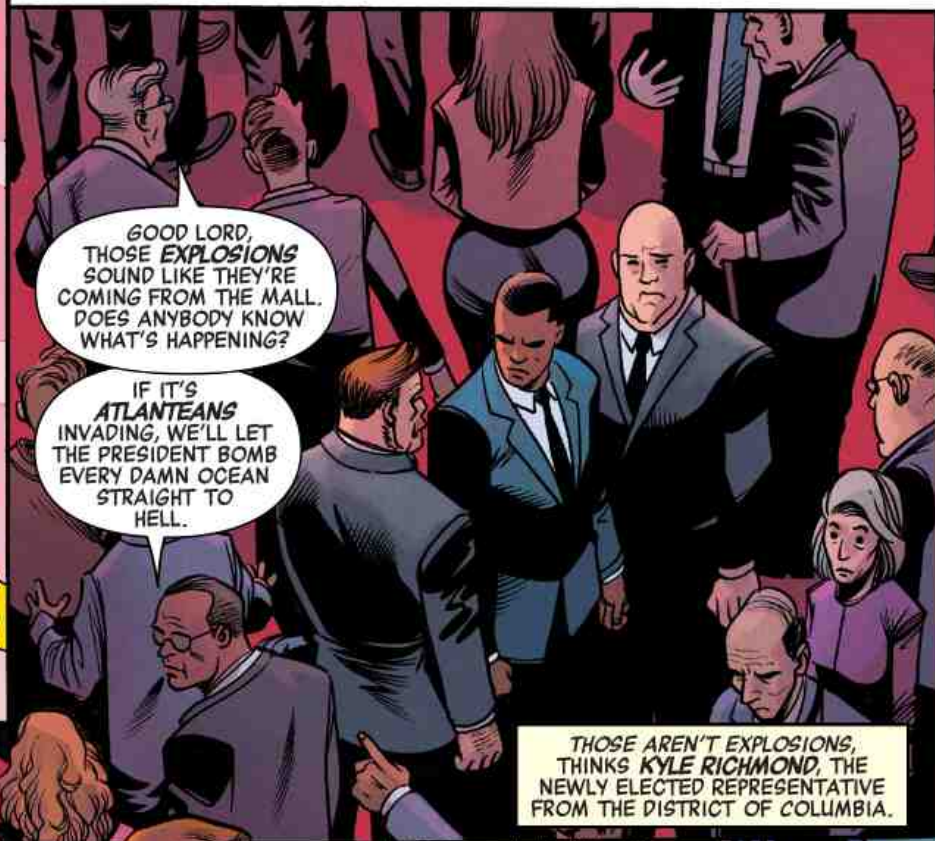
HOW LONG HAS HE BEEN AT THIS AGAIN? SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO--

AAAAAHHH!!!





CODE RED. ALL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TUNNELS. THIS IS NOT A DRILL.



GOOD LORD, THOSE EXPLOSIONS SOUND LIKE THEY'RE COMING FROM THE MALL. DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING?

IF IT'S ATLANTEANS INVADING, WE'LL LET THE PRESIDENT BOMB EVERY DAMN OCEAN STRAIGHT TO HELL.

THOSE AREN'T EXPLOSIONS, THINKS KYLE RICHMOND, THE NEWLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.



THEY SOUND MORE LIKE FOOTSTEPS.

CONGRESSMAN RICHMOND, THE TUNNELS ARE THIS WAY, SIR.

I'M NOT GOING TO THE TUNNELS.



YES, SIR.

OF COURSE, SIR.

YOUR CAR WILL BE WAITING, SIR.

SINCE WASHINGTON, D.C. IS A SPECIAL FEDERAL DISTRICT, ITS REPRESENTATIVE HAS NO REAL VOTING POWER IN CONGRESS.

THE SITUATION APPEARS TO BE CONCENTRATED AT THE OTHER END OF THE NATIONAL MALL, SIR, BUT IT'S EXPANDING RAPIDLY.

KYLE RICHMOND IS A DELEGATE WITHOUT THE FULL POWERS OF A CONGRESSMAN.

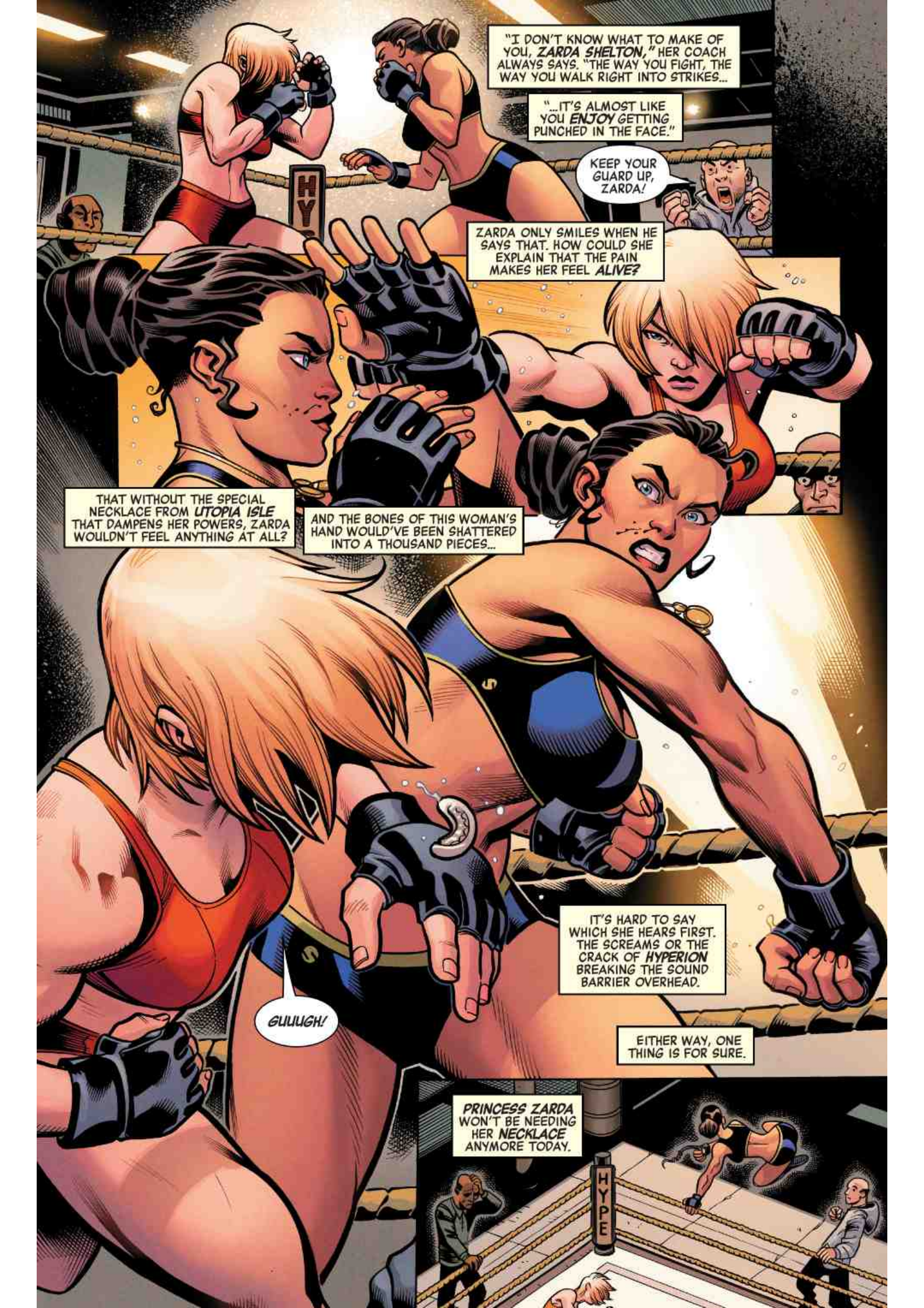
WILL YOU BE REQUIRING ANYTHING ELSE FROM US, SIR?

NO, THAT'LL BE ALL FOR NOW.

YES, SIR.
LMDs POWERING DOWN.

THE **WEAKEST** MEMBER OF THE HOUSE, SOME WOULD SAY.

THEY WOULD BE **WRONG**.



"I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF YOU, ZARDA SHELTON," HER COACH ALWAYS SAYS. "THE WAY YOU FIGHT, THE WAY YOU WALK RIGHT INTO STRIKES..."

"...IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU ENJOY GETTING PUNCHED IN THE FACE."

KEEP YOUR GUARD UP, ZARDA!

ZARDA ONLY SMILES WHEN HE SAYS THAT. HOW COULD SHE EXPLAIN THAT THE PAIN MAKES HER FEEL ALIVE?

THAT WITHOUT THE SPECIAL NECKLACE FROM UTOPIA ISLE THAT DAMPENS HER POWERS, ZARDA WOULDN'T FEEL ANYTHING AT ALL?

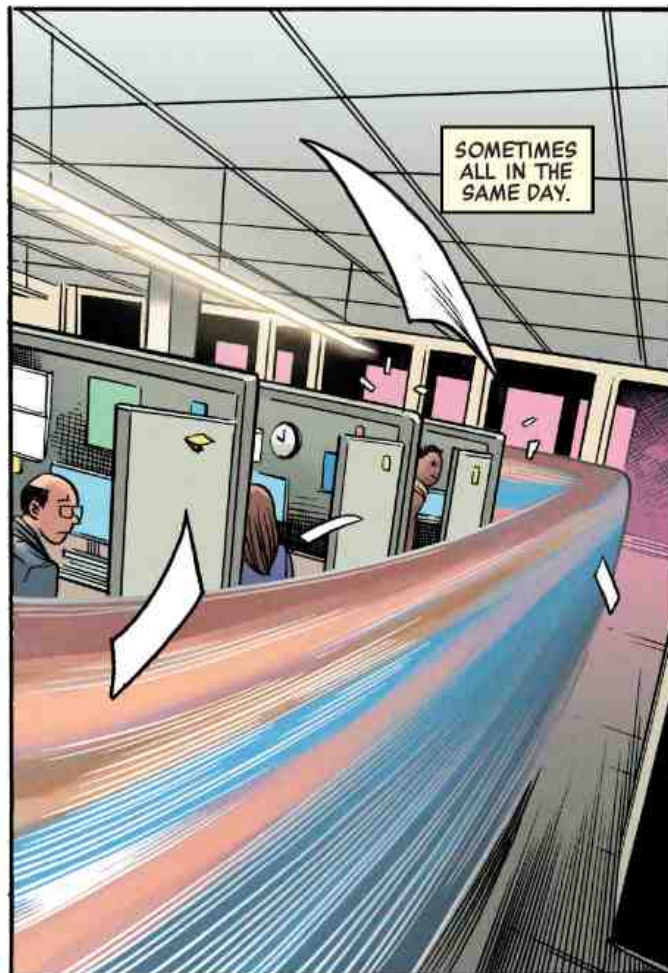
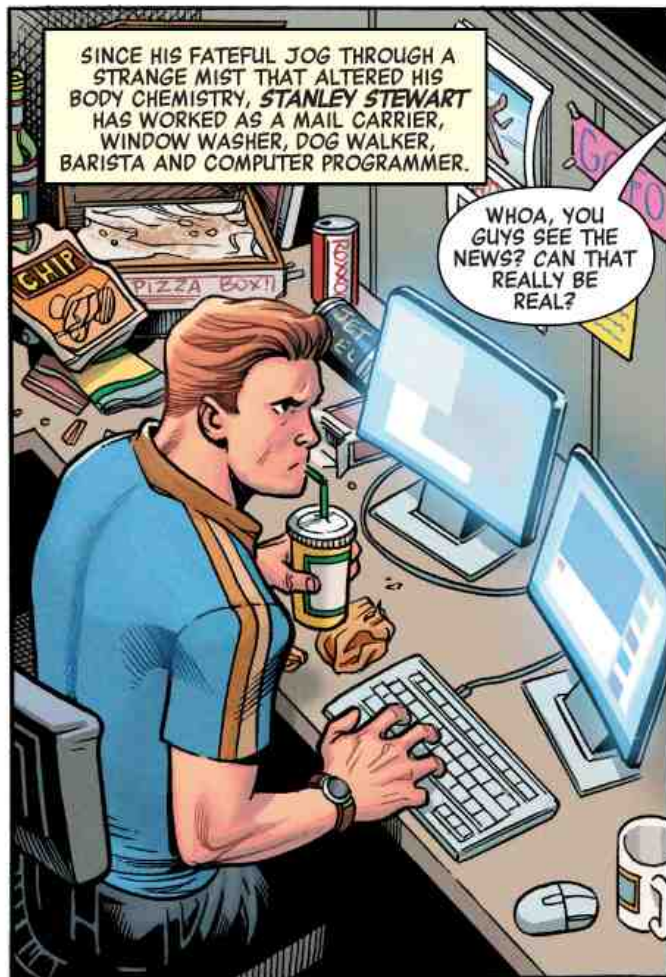
AND THE BONES OF THIS WOMAN'S HAND WOULD'VE BEEN SHATTERED INTO A THOUSAND PIECES...

IT'S HARD TO SAY WHICH SHE HEARS FIRST. THE SCREAMS OR THE CRACK OF HYPERION BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER OVERHEAD.

GUUUUGH!

EITHER WAY, ONE THING IS FOR SURE.

PRINCESS ZARDA WON'T BE NEEDING HER NECKLACE ANYMORE TODAY.



NIGHTHAWK. POWER
PRINCESS. HYPERION.
DOCTOR SPECTRUM.
THE BLUR.

FOR MONTHS NOW (OR HAS
IT BEEN YEARS?) THEY'VE
BEEN TRAINING IN SECRET IN
THE NATION'S CAPITAL...

...HONING THEIR WONDROUS POWERS,
WORKING TO BECOME THE GREATEST
NATION'S GREATEST SUPER HEROES.

THE SQUADRON SUPREME OF AMERICA.

AND THEY OWE IT
ALL TO ONE MAN.

AGENT PHIL
COULSON.

THIS IS IT.
THIS IS WHY I'VE
BEEN MAKING
YOU WORK YOUR
BUTTS OFF.

THIS CITY'S
GONE TO HELL
AND ONLY YOU CAN
SAVE IT. TIME TO
SHOW THE WORLD,
SQUADRON...

"...WHY YOU'RE
D.C.'S GREATEST
HEROES!"

THEY WERE
CALLING IT THE
WAR OF THE
REALMS.





AN INVASION OF THE FIERCEST ARMIES
FROM ACROSS THE MYSTICAL **TEN**
REALMS. GIANTS, TROLLS, FIRE GOBLINS.

ALL LED BY A
VILLAINOUS DARK
ELF NAMED **MALEKITH**
THE ACCURSED.

IT WAS THE SORT OF THING
THAT **THOR** USUALLY DEALT
WITH. BUT WORD WAS **THOR**
WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

AND THE **AVENGERS** WERE
BUSY BATTLING (AND LOSING
TO) **MALEKITH'S** FORCES IN
MANHATTAN.

WHICH MEANT THE
FROST GIANTS OF
JOTUNHEIM EXPECTED
TO CONTROL ALL OF
NORTH AMERICA BY
THE END OF THE DAY.

MALEKITH'S ARMIES WERE WELL-SEASONED
AND BLOODED AFTER MARCHING
FROM REALM TO REALM FOR MONTHS,
LAYING WASTE TO THEM ALL.

GAARGH!

GUGGH!

BY THE TIME THEY REACHED
MIDGARD, THEY WERE SALTY AS
HEL AND READY FOR ANYTHING
THE EARTH HAD TO OFFER.



OR SO THEY
THOUGHT.

HA! REMINDS ME
OF A COLD MORNING
SWIM BACK ON UTOPIA
ISLE! WE SHOULD BE
NAKED FOR THIS,
HYPERION!

FOCUS,
ZARDA! THERE
ARE LIVES AT
STAKE!

NOT OURS,
LOVER. NOT
TODAY.

TODAY IS
THE DAY WE CAN
FINALLY STOP
HOLDING BACK!
HA HA HAA!

**FROST
GIANTS!** LAY DOWN
YOUR WEAPONS AND
SURRENDER YOURSELVES
TO THE PROPER
AUTHORITIES!

THIS NATION
IS UNDER OUR
PROTECTION!

"MY NAME IS
MARK MILTON,
AND I LOVE
AMERICA."





WANNA
KNOW WHY YOU
FROST GIANTS
WILL NEVER
CONQUER THIS
COUNTRY?

RRRRGHH!
STUPID LITTLE
GNAT!

AFTER MY
PARENTS DIED,
INSTEAD OF MELTING
LIKE A SNOWFLAKE, I
WORKED EVERY NIGHT,
LEARNING TO FIGHT
AND DESIGNING
WEAPONS.

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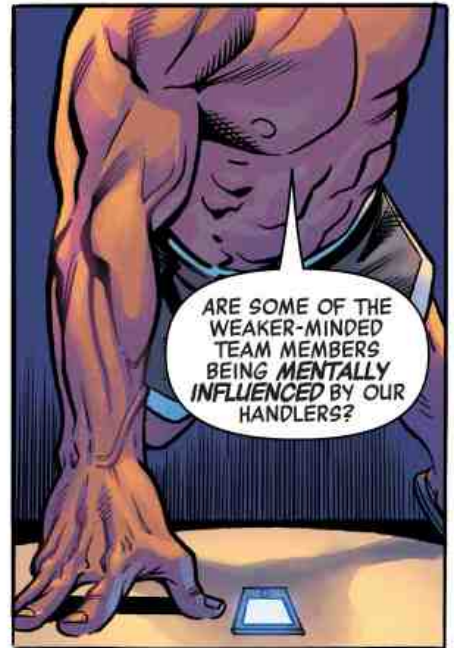
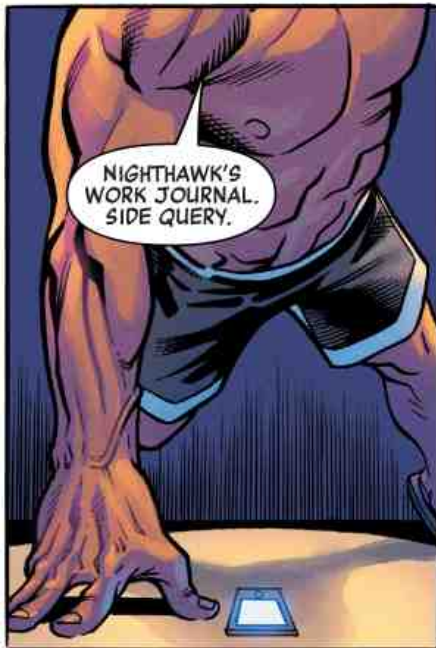
LIKE THE
GAMMA GRENADES
I'VE JUST AFFIXED
TO EVERY SINGLE
ONE OF YOUR
JOINTS.

THAT'S
WHY INVADERS
LIKE YOU WILL
NEVER WIN.

BOOM

BOOM

BECAUSE
OF ME.





GRRRGH!
STAND STILL,
BLAST YOU!

YEAH NO
THANKS.

ARRRRGGHH!!!

HEY MIND
IF I TAKE A
SELFIE WHILE WE
FIGHT NIGHTHAWK
MADE ME THIS SUPER-
COOL HIGH-SPEED
CAMERA PHONE
SMILE!

DID THAT
ONCE FOR ABOUT
A WHOLE SECOND
AND DIDN'T LIKE IT
MUCH NOPE NOT
AT ALL.

WHAT IN
THE NAME
OF YMIR...

WAIT THAT
GUY'S HEAD'S
GONE NO OKAY
THERE IT IS.

SEVEN
HUNDRED LIKES
SWEET BEST
DAY EVER!





THIS IS COLONEL LEDGER TO THE SQUADRON!

THE GIANTS ARE ON THE RUN!

I'M IN PURSUIT, HALFWAY ACROSS MARYLAND AT THIS POINT!

THESE SONSLUGGUNS CAN BOOK IT!



I'LL HERD THEM ALL THE WAY THROUGH PENNSYLVANIA!

RECOMMEND THE REST OF YOU ROUND UP ANY STRAGGLERS AND MEET ME AT LAKE ERIE!



DOCTOR SPECTRUM OUT!

GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.!

"SO...IT'S COMING ALONG NICELY, THEN."





I SAW THE PIECE **ROXX NEWS** DID AFTER THE BATTLE WITH THE GIANTS IN D.C. QUITE GLOWING.

ONE DAY ON THE JOB AND YOUR SQUADRON ARE ALREADY AMERICA'S FAVORITE NEW HEROES.

YES, SIR. THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN A WAR FOR MAKING HEROES.

AND WE'VE SURE GOT A **BIG** ONE ON OUR HANDS RIGHT NOW.

DO WE HAVE **YOU** TO THANK FOR THAT TOO, SIR?

DEAR ME, NO. A **WAR OF THE REALMS** IS A BIT OUTSIDE MY SPHERE OF INFLUENCE.

OH, DO TRY THE ZEBRA. IT'S QUITE DELECTABLE.



IN MY EXPERIENCE, SIR, **NOTHING'S** OUTSIDE YOUR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE. BUT EITHER WAY, WE'LL TURN THIS WAR TO OUR ADVANTAGE. JUST AS LONG AS WE **WIN**.

THAT WILL BE NO EASY TASK. **MALEKITH'S** FORCES ARE SWEEPING ACROSS THE GLOBE. YOU'LL HAVE TO RALLY QUITE THE ARMY TO SAVE YOUR WORLD.

WORLD?

I'M AFRAID THE WORLD ISN'T MY RESPONSIBILITY.

JUST THE BEST LITTLE PART OF IT.



"THE AMERICAN PART."

I CAN SEE
THE GIANTS WITH
MY ATOMIC VISION.
THEY'RE ALMOST
ACROSS LAKE
ERIE.

ALMOST TO ONTARIO. WHICH
MEANS...

WE DID
IT! WE DID
OUR JOB!

WE COULD
ALWAYS GO
AFTER THEM
AND KILL THE
REST.

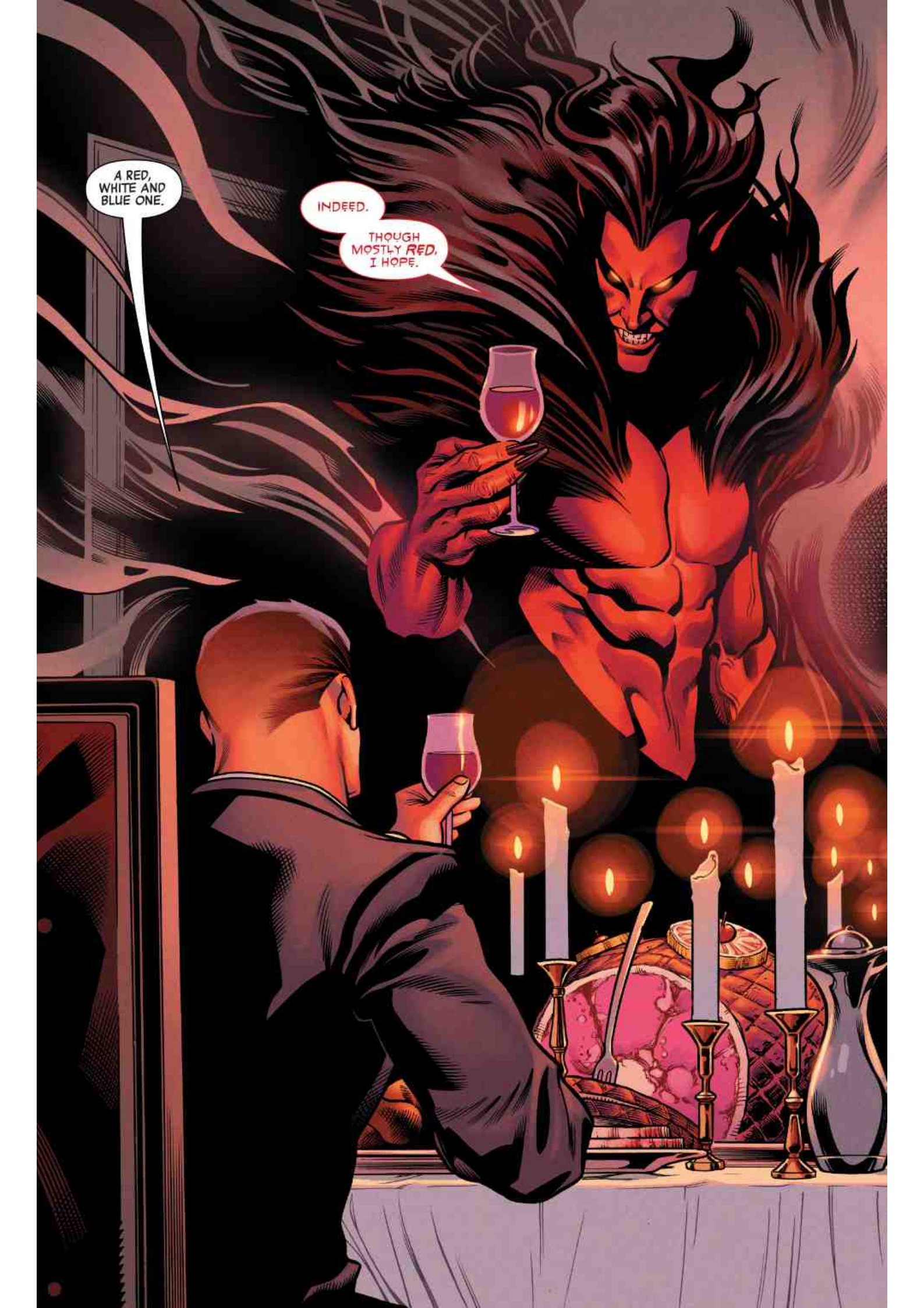
THEY'LL BE
IN CANADA
SOON. AND WE
AREN'T CANADA'S
GREATEST
HEROES.

YEAH.
THAT'S
LIKE A BIG
BIGFOOT AND
A LITTler
BIGFOOT, I
THINK.

WE SAVED
AMERICA!

NIGHTHAWK'S
RIGHT. WE'RE THE
GREATEST HEROES
OF THE WORLD'S
GREATEST
NATION.





A RED,
WHITE AND
BLUE ONE.

INDEED.

THOUGH
MOSTLY RED,
I HOPE.

19 THE MAN IN THE MOUNTAIN



LOOK, THIS MAY SURPRISE YOU, BECAUSE I KNOW I COME ACROSS LIKE A PRETTY BIG DEAL AND ALL...

...BUT NORMALLY I AIN'T MUCH A PART OF THESE KINDS OF HIGH-FALUTIN GOINGS-ON.

YOU KNOW THE KIND I MEAN.

THE WORLD-SHAKING, NEVER-GONNA-BE-THE-SAME-AGAIN-EVEN-IF-WE-WIN KINDA STUFF THAT HAS ALL THE BIG-LEAGUE HEROES TEAMING UP TOGETHER.

OR SOMETIMES FIGHTING EACH OTHER, I GUESS. I DON'T KNOW, LIKE I SAID, I NEVER GET THE CALL.

I'M USUALLY DRUNK AND READ ABOUT IT IN THE PAPER THE NEXT DAY.

BUT THAT WAS BEFORE I BECAME PART OF THE AVENGERS CREW.

YEAH, THESE DAYS, I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY...



...THAT OL' GORILLA-MAN IS FINALLY RIGHT WHERE HE BELONGS.

WUNDAGORE ZOO. TRANSIA.

YOU UTTER MORON. THIS IS YOUR IDEA OF AN INCONSPICUOUS MEETING PLACE?

YOUR STUPIDITY IS GOING TO GET US BOTH KILLED, AGENT HALE.

NAH. PROBABLY NOT. I MEAN, IT'S GOTTEN ME THIS FAR.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT'S CONSPICUOUS? A GORILLA AND A BEAR WALKING INTO A BAR AND ORDERING BEERS.

HERE, NOBODY BATS AN EYE AT US.

SO RELAX, URSA MAJOR. AND REMEMBER WHY WE'RE TALKING.

LET'S HEAR IT. EVERYTHING. THE PANTHER'S ANXIOUS TO KNOW HOW THIS WHOLE UNDERCOVER OPERATION IS GOING.

GRRH. I MUST BE A FOOL FOR BETRAYING MY COUNTRY TO YOU PEOPLE.



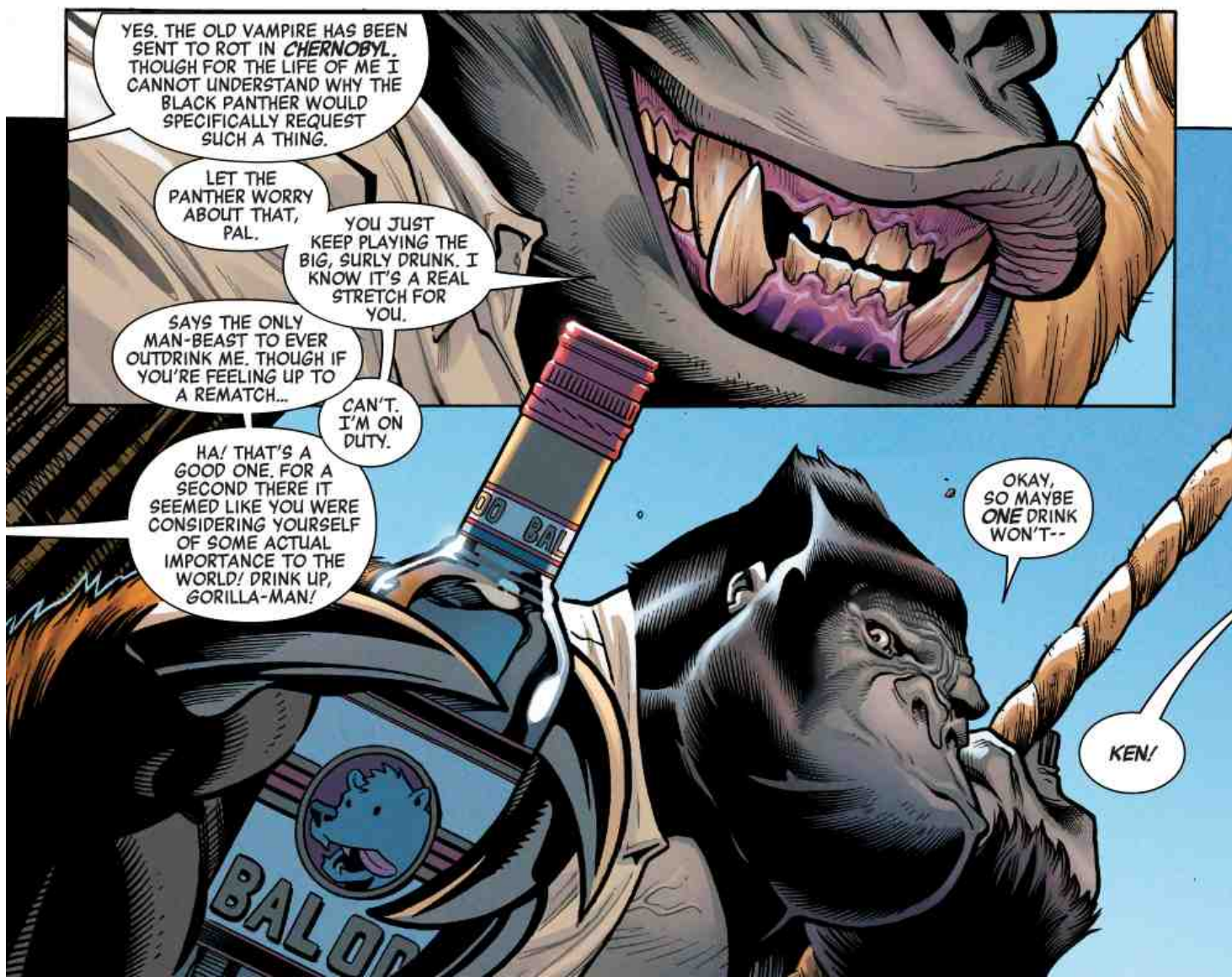
YOU'RE NOT BETRAYING YOUR COUNTRY. JUST THE *WINTER GUARD*. WE BOTH KNOW THE *RED WIDOW* AIN'T EXACTLY GOT THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE'S BEST INTERESTS IN MIND.

SHE'S BEEN KEEPING ME CLOSE. I SUSPECT BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T FULLY TRUST ME. THOUGH GETTING KICKED OUT OF AVENGERS MOUNTAIN CERTAINLY HELPED.



I STILL CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT SHE'S AFTER, OTHER THAN--

RIGHT. SO ABOUT THE *DRACULA* STUFF? YOU DID LIKE WE WANTED?



YES. THE OLD VAMPIRE HAS BEEN SENT TO ROT IN *CHERNOBYL*. THOUGH FOR THE LIFE OF ME I CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE BLACK PANTHER WOULD SPECIFICALLY REQUEST SUCH A THING.

LET THE PANTHER WORRY ABOUT THAT, PAL.

YOU JUST KEEP PLAYING THE BIG, SURLY DRUNK. I KNOW IT'S A REAL STRETCH FOR YOU.

SAYS THE ONLY MAN-BEAST TO EVER OUTDRINK ME. THOUGH IF YOU'RE FEELING UP TO A REMATCH...

CAN'T. I'M ON DUTY.

HA! THAT'S A GOOD ONE. FOR A SECOND THERE IT SEEMED LIKE YOU WERE CONSIDERING YOURSELF OF SOME ACTUAL IMPORTANCE TO THE WORLD! DRINK UP, GORILLA-MAN!

OKAY, SO MAYBE *ONE* DRINK WON'T--

KEN!

KEN!
WE GOTTA
GO!

BOZHE MOI.
THIS IS DEFINITELY
BECOMING LESS
INCONSPICUOUS BY
THE DAMN
SECOND.

KA-ZAR, WHAT
THE HELL, BUDDY?
I'M WORKING
HERE!

SHUT UP
AND LOOK AT
YOUR WAKANDAN
POCKET COMPUTER
THINGIE!

IT'S CALLED
A **CELLPHONE**,
YOU DINOSAUR-
LOVING HILLBILLY,
AND IT...

...IT'S
GOT NO
SIGNAL.

EXACTLY!
IT'S SUPPOSED
TO WORK EVEN IN THE
NEGATIVE ZONE! IF
IT'S DOWN, THAT TELLS
ME SOMETHING'S
WRONG! **BAD**
WRONG!

GOTTA RUN,
URSUS. AGENTS
OF WAKANDA
BUSINESS.

HEH, LOOK
AT THE GORILLA-
MAN GO. THE
AVENGERS' **TRAINED**
MONKEY.

IT'S SAD,
KEN, SEEING
YOU LIKE THIS! I
REMEMBER WHEN
YOU USED TO
BE FUN!

YEAH, WELL...
WHAT'S MORE
FUN THAN **SAVING**
THE WORLD?

I DON'T HEAR URSA
MAJOR'S ANSWER,
BUT IT DOESN'T
MATTER, 'CAUSE I
KNOW WHAT HE'D SAY.

THIS WAY!
EVERYONE,
TRY TO REMAIN
CALM!

SAME THING I
WOULDA SAID A
FEW MONTHS AGO.

YOU'VE BEEN
TELEPORTED TO
AVENGERS MOUNTAIN!
THE SAFEST PLACE ON
THE FACE OF THE EARTH!
JUST FOLLOW ME TO
THE RIB CAGE
BUNKERS!

"IT'S MORE
FUN TO NOT
GIVE A DAMN."

I BELIEVED
THAT THEN.
WITH ALL MY
APE HEART.

DOC, YOU
DID IT. YOUR SPELL
EVACUATED ALL OF
NEW YORK CITY.

WHAT
ABOUT THE
VALKYRIES?

BUT NOW I'M DOING
MY BEST...TO GIVE ALL
THE DAMNS I GOT.

BOSS
MAN! WHAT'S
HAPPENING?
WHERE'S THE
FIRE?



EVERYWHERE
THAT CAN BURN,
AGENT HALE.

FOLLOW
ME.

I DON'T
SCARE EASY.

COMES FROM
BEING A BIG HAIRY
TANK WITH THE MIND
OF A THRILL-SEEKER
AND SOLDIER OF
FORTUNE (MINUS
THE FORTUNE).

THE EARTH
HAS BEEN
INVADED.

WE ARE
AT WAR WITH
AN ARMY OF
FANTASTICAL
CREATURES FROM
BEYOND THIS
REALM.

LED BY
MALEKITH,
KING OF THE
DARK ELVES.

BUT THE BLACK PANTHER
SCARES THE HOLY
BEJEEBUS OUTTA ME.

ELVES.
THAT DON'T
SOUND SO BAD.
DOESN'T THOR
WHIP THOSE
GUYS ALL THE
TIME?

THOR IS
TRAPPED IN THE
LAND OF THE
FROST GIANTS.

WHILE THE
STREETS OF
MANHATTAN ARE
DRENCHED IN THE
BLOOD OF THE
VALKYRIES.

AND OUR
GLOBAL NETWORKS
HAVE BEEN HACKED BY
OPERATIVES OF THE
ROXXON ENERGY
CORPORATION.

PEOPLE THINK IT'S HIS
CRAZY TECH YOU
GOTTA BE AFRAID OF.
OR HIS WAKANDAN
KUNG FU. OR THE FACT
HE'S BASICALLY LIKE
A GOD TO HIS PEOPLE.

BUT THAT
AIN'T IT.

WELL, JUST
TELL ME WHO
YOU NEED PUNCHED
AND I'M YOUR
GORILLA, SIR.

I'M GOING
TO NEED YOU
RIGHT *HERE*,
AGENT HALE.

I SWEAR, THE
BLACK PANTHER
IS THE ONLY MAN
ON THE PLANET...
WHO CAN MURDER
YOU WITH JUST
A STARE.

YOU'RE HEAD
OF SECURITY FOR
AVENGERS MOUNTAIN.
YOU'RE ABOUT TO
HAVE TO *EARN*
THAT TITLE.





AH, DAMN. YOU MEAN...

YES, I DO. ARE WE PREPARED?

AS FAR AS ANYBODY'S BEEN ABLE TO TELL, THIS CELESTIAL'S STAFF HAS PUT DOWN ROOTS THAT REACH ALL THE WAY TO THE EARTH'S CORE.

STARK SAYS IF WE CAN CHANNEL THAT ENERGY THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN'S FLESH TECH WITHOUT...YOU KNOW, BLOWING OURSELVES ALL TO HELL...THE POSSIBILITIES ARE DAMN NEAR LIMITLESS.



"I NEED MORE THAN POSSIBILITIES RIGHT NOW, HALE."

"AND STARK HAS A PROJECT OF HIS OWN."

CAN YOU HANDLE THIS, AGENT GORILLA-MAN? CAN YOU KEEP THIS MOUNTAIN SECURE? THOUSANDS OF EVACUEES ARE DEPENDING ON YOU.

WE'LL BE READY FOR ANYTHING, SIR.

BE READY FOR WAR.



BECAUSE IT'S COMING.

YES, SIR, YOUR HIGHNESS. AND AS SOON AS I'M DONE HERE, I CAN GIVE YOU MY FULL REPORT ON THE MEETING WITH URSA MAJOR.

THERE'S STILL NO WORD ON DRACULA, OR WHERE THE RUSSIANS HAVE HIDDEN--

SAVE IT, HALE.



"LET'S
SEE IF WE
LIVE LONG
ENOUGH
TO CARE."

JOTUNHEIM
STRIKEFORCE!
WITH ME!

I'VE MET A HUNDRED
LOUDMOUTH RICH
MEN LIKE TONY
STARK IN MY LIFE.

THEY NEVER
IMPRESS ME
MUCH.

ANY MAN WHO
CAN'T ADMIT HOW
MUCH HE **HATES**
HIMSELF AIN'T A
MAN I WANNA GO
DRINKING WITH.

WE'VE
GOT A **GOD**
TO SAVE.

ONLY EXCEPTION
TO THAT RULE...IS
STEVE ROGERS.

BUT ROGERS AIN'T A MAN. HE'S
A FLAG WITH FISTS. AND MORE
GUTS THAN A PACK OF LIONS
COULD EAT IN A SITTING.

OUR MISSION
IS TO INFILTRATE
SVARCALFHEIM AMIDST
THOUSANDS OF MURDEROUS
DARK ELVES AND MOVE
UNDETECTED IN ORDER TO
REACH THE **BLACK**
BIFROST.

JUST STANDING NEXT
TO HIM MAKES ME FEEL
PROUD AND ASHAMED
ALL AT ONCE.

MOSTLY
ASHAMED.

SOMETHING
TELLS ME WE WON'T
BE VERY SUCCESSFUL
WHEN IT COMES TO
THE **UNDETECTED**
PART.

CAN I
BRING MY
CAR?



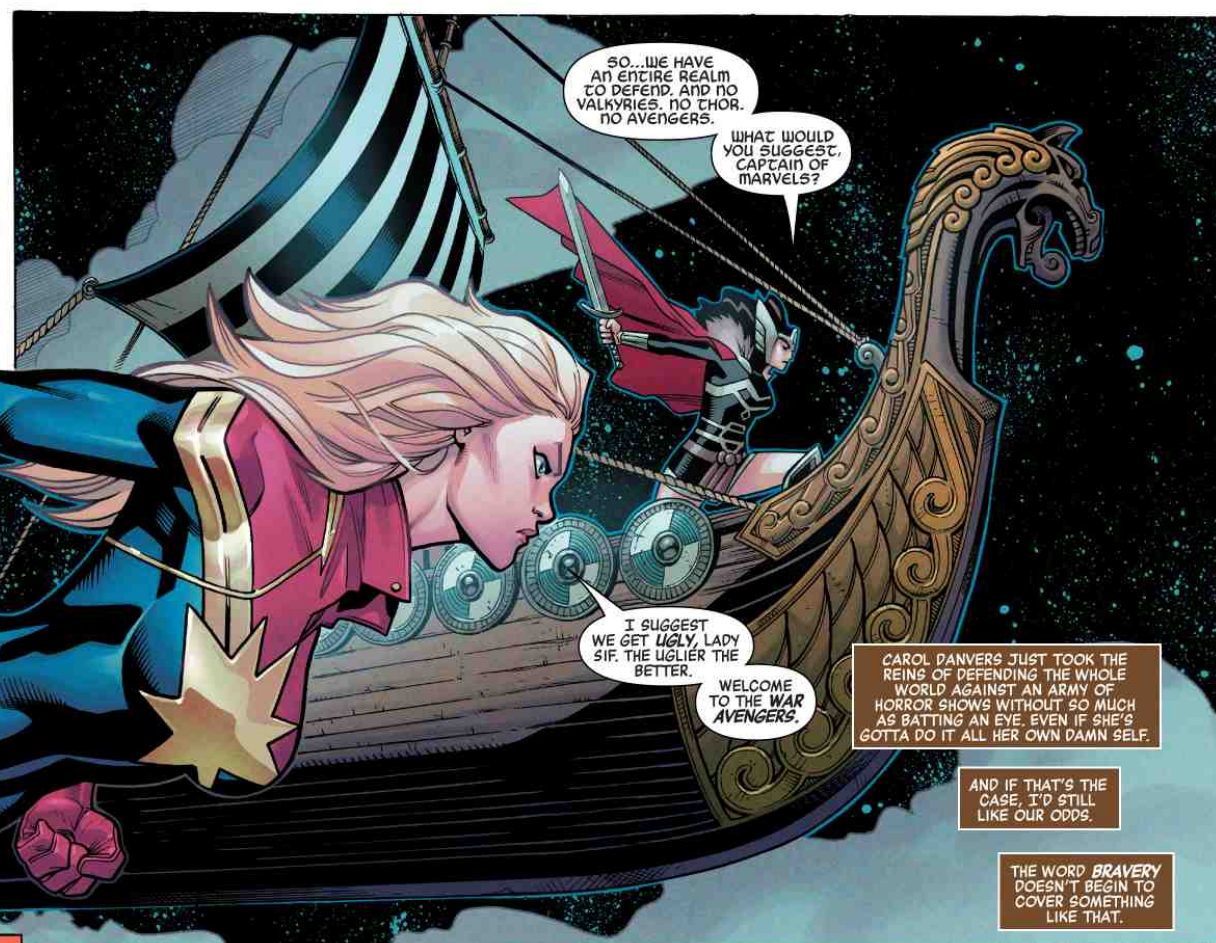
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, AGENT SOLOMON. ROXXON HAS HUNDREDS OF OFFICES ALL OVER THE GLOBE. AND THOSE ARE JUST THE ONES WE KNOW ABOUT.

HOW CAN WE EVER FIND WHERE THEY'RE HIDING THOSE HACKERS?

SOMEBODY OUT THERE KNOWS, AGENT MAN-WOLF. WE JUST HAVE TO FIND THEM.

AND SEE HOW THEY LIKE THE TASTE OF VIBRANIUM.

I'M IN AWE OF THE PEOPLE HERE. OF THIS WHOLE INSANE OPERATION.



SO...WE HAVE AN ENTIRE REALM TO DEFEND. AND NO VALKYRIES. NO THOR. NO AVENGERS.

WHAT WOULD YOU SUGGEST, CAPTAIN OF MARVELS?

I SUGGEST WE GET UGLY, LADY SIF. THE UGLIER THE BETTER.

WELCOME TO THE WAR AVENGERS.

CAROL DANVERS JUST TOOK THE REINS OF DEFENDING THE WHOLE WORLD AGAINST AN ARMY OF HORROR SHOWS WITHOUT SO MUCH AS BATTLING AN EYE. EVEN IF SHE'S GOTTA DO IT ALL HER OWN DAMN SELF.

AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'D STILL LIKE OUR ODDS.

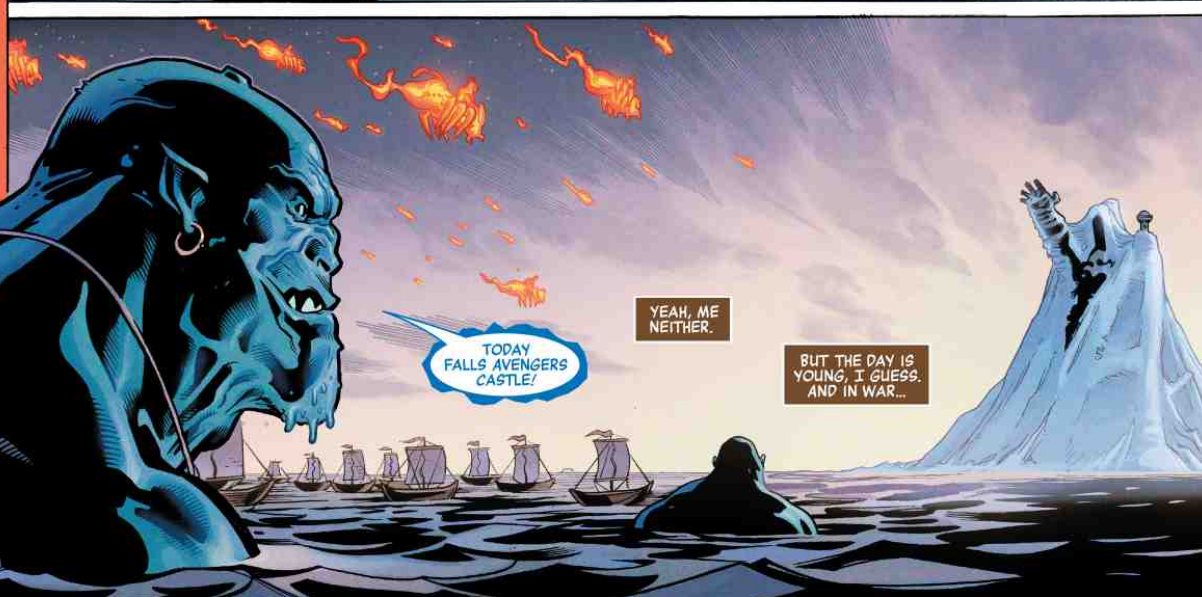
THE WORD *BRAVERY* DOESN'T BEGIN TO COVER SOMETHING LIKE THAT.



YOU KNOW THE BRAVEST THING I'VE EVER DONE?

THERE IT IS!

MALEKITH SAID TO TEAR IT DOWN AND CRUSH ANYTHING THAT COMES SKITTERING OUT!



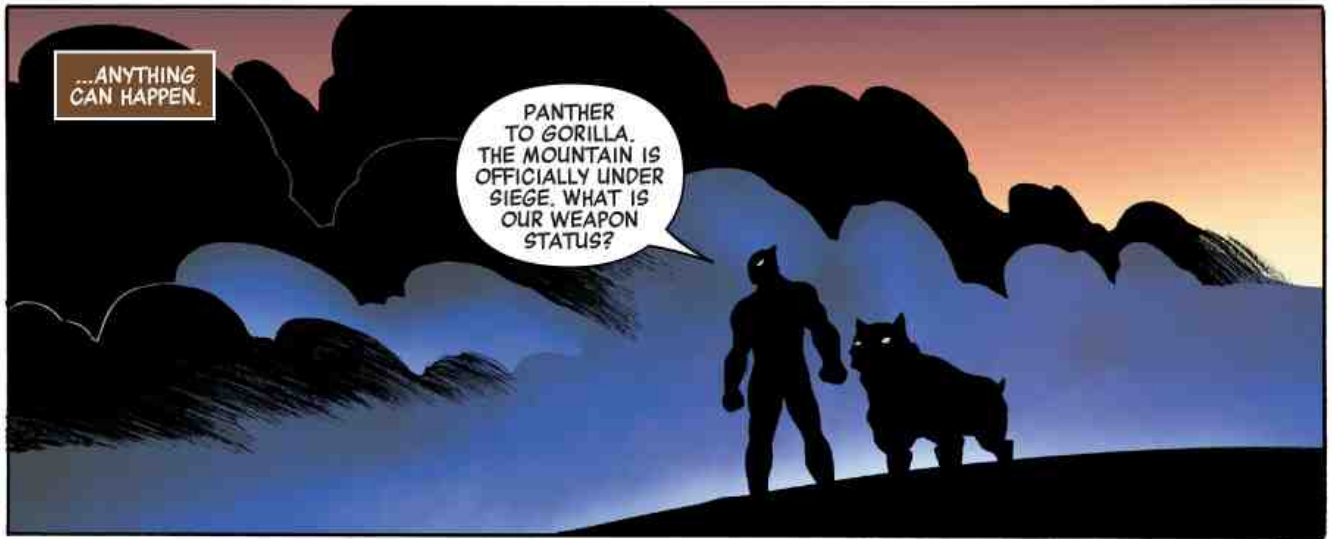
TODAY FALLS AVENGERS CASTLE!

YEAH, ME NEITHER.

BUT THE DAY IS YOUNG, I GUESS. AND IN WAR...

...ANYTHING
CAN HAPPEN.

PANTHER
TO GORILLA.
THE MOUNTAIN IS
OFFICIALLY UNDER
SIEGE. WHAT IS
OUR WEAPON
STATUS?



WORKING
ON IT, SIR. BUT
THIS THING, IT'S
NEVER BEEN TESTED.
ARE YOU SURE YOU
WANNA DO
THIS?

THIS
CELESTIAL'S
ARMOR IS THE
STRONGEST
SUBSTANCE
ON EARTH.

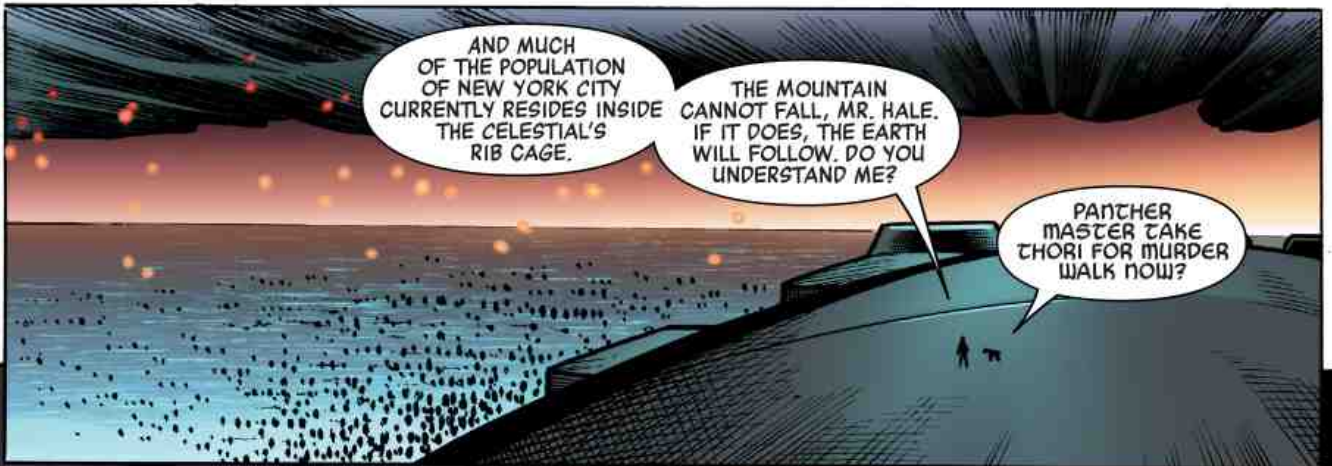
BUT OUR
ATTACKERS ARE
NOT OF THE
EARTH. WE HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT
SORT OF MAGICAL
WEAPONS THEY
MAY POSSESS.



AND MUCH
OF THE POPULATION
OF NEW YORK CITY
CURRENTLY RESIDES INSIDE
THE CELESTIAL'S
RIB CAGE.

THE MOUNTAIN
CANNOT FALL, MR. HALE.
IF IT DOES, THE EARTH
WILL FOLLOW. DO YOU
UNDERSTAND ME?

PANTHER
MASTER TAKE
CHORI FOR MURDER
WALK NOW?



YES, SIR.
CHARGING THE
WEAPON NOW.
JUST GIVE
ME A--





WARNING.
SECURITY BREACH
DETECTED.

YA
DON'T
SAY?!

PANTHER TO
GORILLA! MALEKITH
HAS A BIFROST! AN
INTERDIMENSIONAL
TELEPORTER! HE'S USING
IT TO INFILTRATE
THE MOUNTAIN!

HALE,
DO YOU READ
ME?!

GAAARRGH!

DOG?

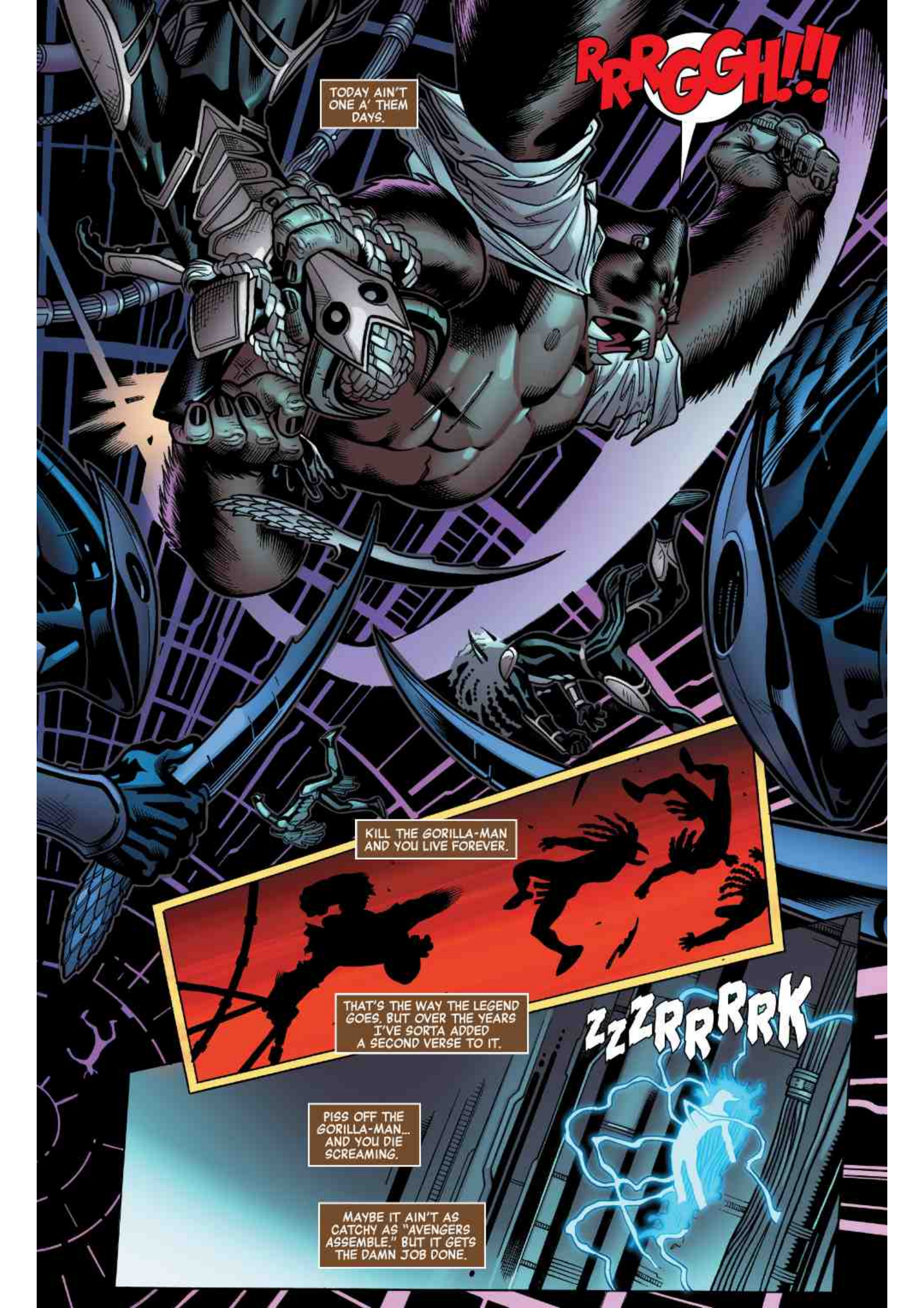
SLAY THE
GUARD DOG.
BURN THE
CASTLE.

POORLY KEPT SECRET
ABOUT ME. I'M CURSED.
AND I DON'T LIKE
IT ALL THAT MUCH.

WHO YOU
CALLING DOG,
ELF?!

THERE'VE BEEN PLENTY
OF DAYS I'VE WANTED
NOTHING MORE THAN
TO DIE. ANY WHICH WAY
I POSSIBLY COULD.

JUST AS LONG
AS I'D BE RID OF
THE GORILLA-MAN
ONCE AND FOR ALL.



RRRGH!!!

TODAY AIN'T
ONE A' THEM
DAYS.

KILL THE GORILLA-MAN
AND YOU LIVE FOREVER.

THAT'S THE WAY THE LEGEND
GOES. BUT OVER THE YEARS
I'VE SORTA ADDED
A SECOND VERSE TO IT.

PISS OFF THE
GORILLA-MAN...
AND YOU DIE
SCREAMING.

MAYBE IT AIN'T AS
CATCHY AS "AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE." BUT IT GETS
THE DAMN JOB DONE.

ZZRRRRK



AND SO
DO I.

AH, SUPER.
I FIXED IT.

HALE/ DAMN
IT, I NEED YOUR
STATUS NOW!

MY STATUS
IS I LOVED MY
MOMMA!

AARRRRGGGH!!!

HALE, YOU
DID IT. POWER
LEVELS RISING.

SHURI, ARE
YOU IN POSITION?
PREPARE TO OPEN
FIRE!

THAT SHOULDA BEEN IT.
I SHOULDA DIED SAVING
AVENGERS MOUNTAIN.

SAVING THE WHOLE
FLAMING WORLD.

BUT AIN'T IT
JUST MY LUCK...
I'M STILL ALIVE.

I DID HAVE ONE OF
THEM NEAR-DEATH
EXPERIENCES PEOPLE
ALWAYS TALK ABOUT.

WHERE YOU SEE
GOD AND HEAR
HIS VOICE.

KEN!

ONLY THIS WASN'T
NO GOD THEY TEACH
YOU ABOUT IN CHURCH.

KEN,
DON'T BE
DEAD!

AND HE
DIDN'T
PREACH NO
GOSPEL.

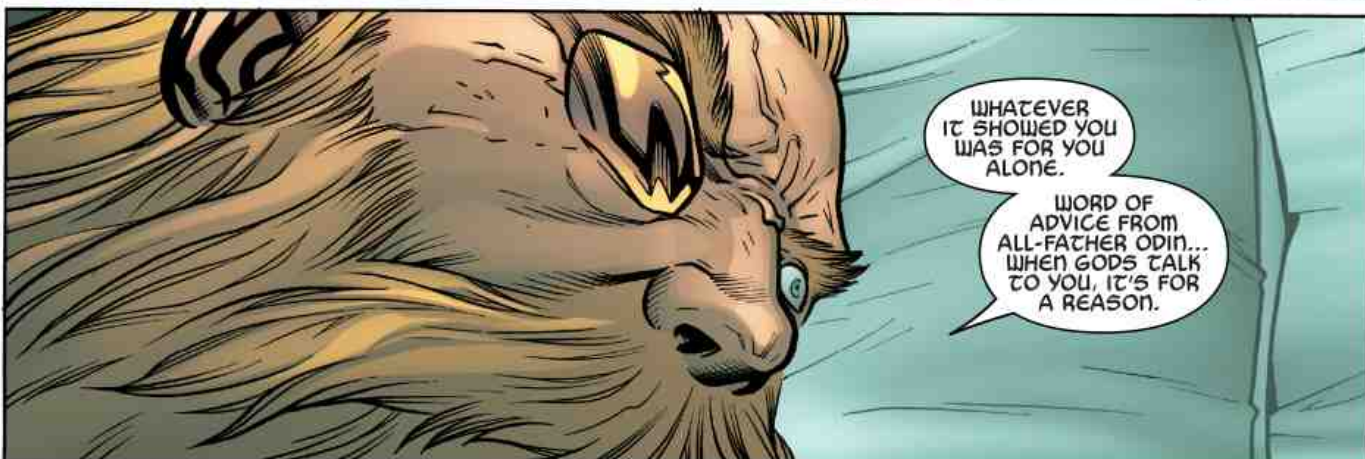
BUDDY,
CAN YOU
HEAR ME?

I SAW
IT.

BUT HE
DID OPEN
MY EYES.

ANTARCTICA.

ROXXON
IS HIDING IN...
ANTARCTICA.





MY BRAIN
IS EXPLODING
WITH THE THINGS
I SAW. WITH THE
WORDS...OF
GOD.

I AIN'T NEVER BEEN NO
SUPER GENIUS LIKE T'CHALLA
OR STARK. HELL, MOST
DAYS I AIN'T EVEN ON
THE SAME LEVEL AS THOR.



I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
THEM ALL. I
JUST KNOW...

...THINGS
HAVE CHANGED.
AND I DON'T...I
DON'T THINK
I CAN...

BUT SOMETIMES
I SURE AM STUPID.
EVEN FOR ME.



YOU
DON'T WHAT?
THINK YOU CAN GO
THROUGH WITH OUR
ARRANGEMENT?

LET ME
REMIND YOU OF
EXACTLY HOW MANY
CHOICES YOU'VE
GOT IN THIS
SITUATION.

KILL THE GORILLA-MAN,
LIVE FOREVER. I USED TO
THINK THE DAY I DECIDED
TO CHASE THAT LEGEND
WAS THE DUMBEST THING
I'D EVER DONE.

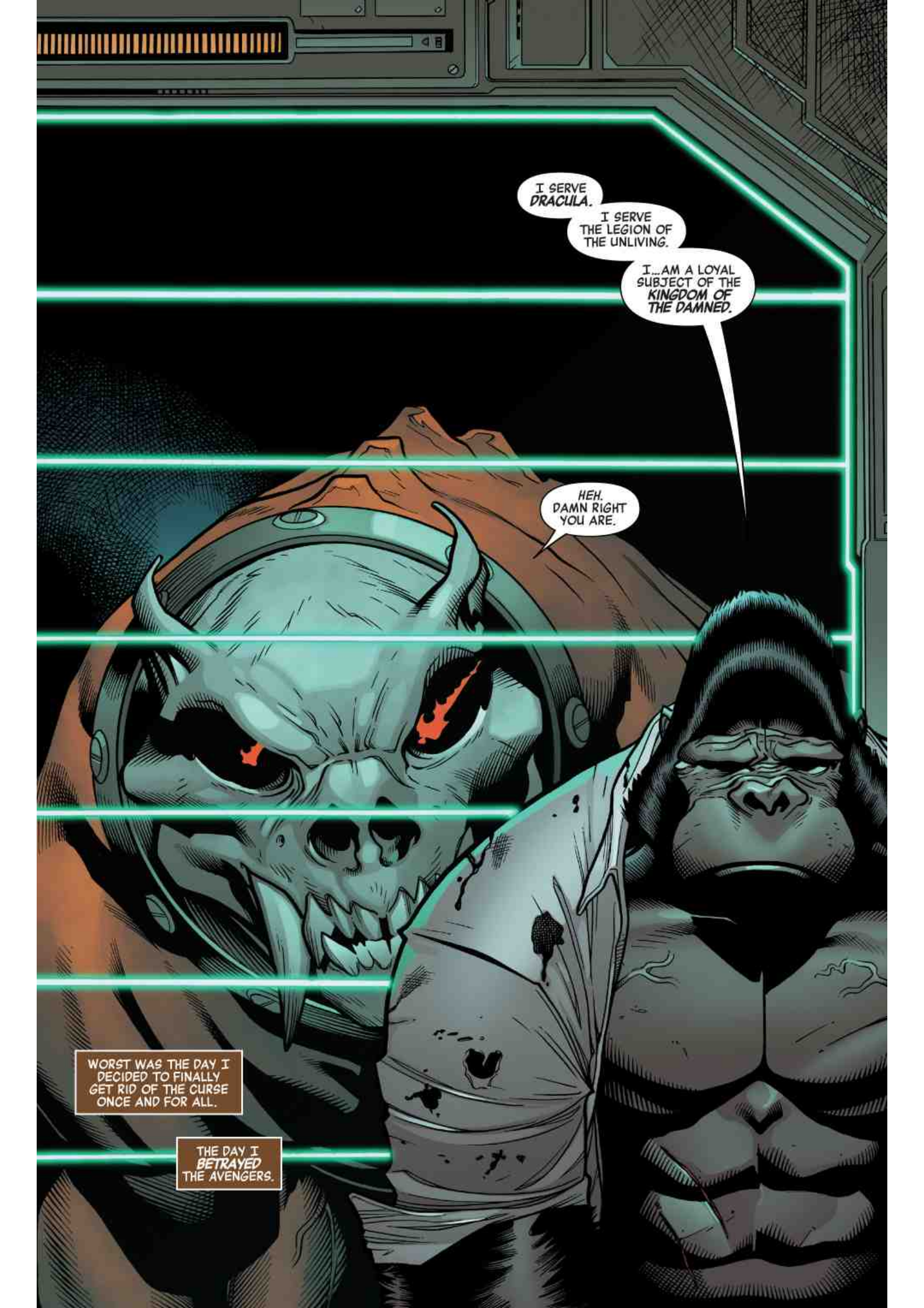


NOT A DAMN
ONE. THAT BED IS
GOOD AND DAMN MADE,
AND YOU KNOW IT. BEST
JUST GET TO LYING IN
IT, GORILLA-MAN.

HELL,
MORE THAN
THAT...I WANNA
HEAR YOU SAY
IT.



BUT I
UNDERESTIMATED
MY OWN STUPIDITY.



I SERVE
DRACULA.

I SERVE
THE LEGION OF
THE UNLIVING.

I... AM A LOYAL
SUBJECT OF THE
KINGDOM OF
THE DAMNED.

HEH.
DAMN RIGHT
YOU ARE.

WORST WAS THE DAY I
DECIDED TO FINALLY
GET RID OF THE CURSE
ONCE AND FOR ALL.

THE DAY I
BETRAYED
THE AVENGERS.

20 NO FUN



EARLIER.

CHARMING.
WITTY.
SENSATIONAL.

THE JOLLY
JADE **GIANTESS**. THE
SASSIEST **SUPER-LAWYER**
IN ALL OF **BROOKLYN**. MORE
LAUGHS THAN A BARREL
OF DEADPOOLS.

FUN.

FOR YEARS,
THAT'S HOW THE
WORLD DESCRIBED
MY CLIENT.

UNTIL THE
ACCUSED HERE CAME
ALONG. AND FLUSHED ALL
THAT GLOBAL ADORATION
RIGHT DOWN THE
GAMMA-IRRADIATED
TOILET.

RRRGH.
OBJECTION.
SOME STILL
LIKE--

OVERRULED!

THE **ACCUSED**
WOULD LIKE YOU
TO BELIEVE SHE'S NOT
AT FAULT FOR WHAT
HAPPENED TO MY
CLIENT.

THAT THESE
CHANGES IN HER
PERSONALITY ARE THE
UNFORTUNATE SIDE EFFECT
OF HER NEW POWERS,
WHICH WERE AWAKENED
INSIDE HER BY SOME
MEDDLING SPACE
GIANTS...

...AND THAT
SINCE THAT HAPPENED,
SHE'S BEEN DOING HER BEST
TO REGAIN CONTROL OF
HERSELF, TO DO RIGHT BY MY
CLIENT AND GIVE THE WORLD
BACK THE GORGEOUS, GREEN,
FUN-LOVING **BOMBSHELL**.
THEY KNOW AND
LOVE.

BUT THAT'S
A COMPLETE LIE,
ISN'T IT?

THE TRUTH
IS...THE **SHE-HULK**
IS DEAD.



AND YOU
KILLED HER, YOU
MONSTER.

OBJECTION.
HULK DIDN'T KILL
ANY--

OVERRULED!

AND YOU KEEP
KILLING HER ALL
OVER AGAIN, DON'T
YOU? ONE "HULK
SMASH" AT A
TIME.

EVERY DAY
YOU GIVE IN TO
THIS 'ROIDED-OUT,
NO-FUN *PERVERSION*
OF YOURSELF. HAVE
YOU FORGOTTEN
WHO YOU ARE?!

ANSWER
THE QUESTION!
YOU'RE UNDER
OATH!

HHHRGH.



RRRRRRRRRGGGGHH!!!

THAT'S
WHAT I THOUGHT
YOU'D SAY.

YOUR HONOR,
PERMISSION TO
TREAT THE WITNESS
AS HOSTILE?

PER...
PERMISSION
GRANTED.

LADIES OF
THE JURY, I
ASK YOU...

IS THIS THE
FACE WE WANT
TO PRESENT TO THE WORLD?
AFTER EVERYTHING WE'VE
WORKED TO ACCOMPLISH OVER
THE YEARS, IS THIS THE SORT
OF MUSCLE-BOUND DOWNER
OF A HULK WE WANT
TO BE?



I IMPORE
YOU TO LEVY THE
MAXIMUM SENTENCE
AGAINST THE
ACCUSED.

AND
ERASE HER FROM
EXISTENCE!

OR BETTER
YET, I'LL DO IT
MYSELF!



GGGRRGH!!!

ORDER!



ORDER
IN THE
COURT!

STOP
THIS! THIS
ISN'T...

STOP
OR I'LL...
I'LL...

GAAARRGGGH!!!

THAT'S
ENOUGH FOR
TODAY.

UUGH. FEEL
LIKE...I MADE SOME
PROGRESS. THAT'S THE
LONGEST I'VE GONE
WITHOUT PUNCHING
MYSELF.

THESE
WEEKLY SESSIONS OF
PSYCHOACTIVE CALISTHENICS
ARE UNDOUBTEDLY STRENGTHENING
YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS CONTROL
MUSCLES, JENNIFER, BUT YOUR
GAMMA EMISSIONS WERE
AGAIN REACHING CRITICAL
LEVELS.

YOU STILL
HAVE MUCH WORK
TO DO, I'M AFRAID,
TO AVOID ANOTHER
EXPLOSIVE OUTBURST
LIKE WE SAW IN
RUSSIA.

RIGHT.
DEFINITELY
DON'T WANT
ANY MORE OF
THOSE.

DO
IT?



NOW.
AUSTRALIA.

AS ORIGIN STORIES GO,
MINE WON'T EVER BE
MISTAKEN FOR THE SUPER
HERO CITIZEN KANE.

RRRRRGH!

I GOT SHOT AND
NEEDED A BLOOD
TRANSFUSION. SO
I GOT ONE--
FROM MY COUSIN.

MY COUSIN
THE HULK.

YADA YADA YADA,
YOU WOULDN'T LIKE
ME WHEN I'M ANGRY.

EXCEPT PEOPLE
DID LIKE ME. A LOT.

I WAS AN OMEGA-LEVEL
THREAT IN THE CHARM
DEPARTMENT. I WAS THE
HULK YOU'D WANT TO HAVE
A GLASS OF PINOT WITH.

GRRGGH!!!
MORE TROLLS!

WANT
MORE DAMN
TROLLS!

KILL THE
BEAST! IN THE
NAME OF ULIK!

AND THE CRAZIEST PART WAS,
MY POWERS, FOR THE MOST
PART... MADE ME HAPPY. AN
INCREDIBLY RARE OCCURRENCE
IN MY LINE OF WORK.

I ACTUALLY
ENJOYED BEING
A SUPER HERO.

I LOVED BEING THE
FUN HULK. I LOVED IT A
WHOLE HELLIVA LOT.

GRRRRRGGH!

SO HOW COME I
DON'T MISS IT?

RRRRRRGGH!

THERE'S A WAR ON.
AND THE TROLLS HAVE
TAKEN AUSTRALIA.

I'M PART OF
THE TEAM THAT'S
TAKING IT BACK.

THESE TROLLS MAY COME
FROM A FARAWAY REALM,
BUT I KNOW THEIR KIND.

THEY WOULD'VE LAUGHED
AT THE OLD ME. MADE
CRASS JOKES EVEN AS I
WAS TAKING THEM DOWN.

THIS TIME, NOBODY'S
LAUGHING. NOT
EVEN A SNICKER.

AND I LOVE
IT WITH ALL
MY BIG, GREEN,
GLOWING HEART.



GRRGH!



TROLLS.

HERE'S YOUR
OFFICIAL AVENGERS
SITREP ON THESE
BASTARDS.

THEY'RE MEAN, STRONG AND
TOUGH AS BARGAIN-BIN
BRAS.

THAT'S
PRETTY DAMN
TOUGH.

THEY MOVE
IN PACKS, MOSTLY
UNDERGROUND.

THEIR
KING IS
ULIK.

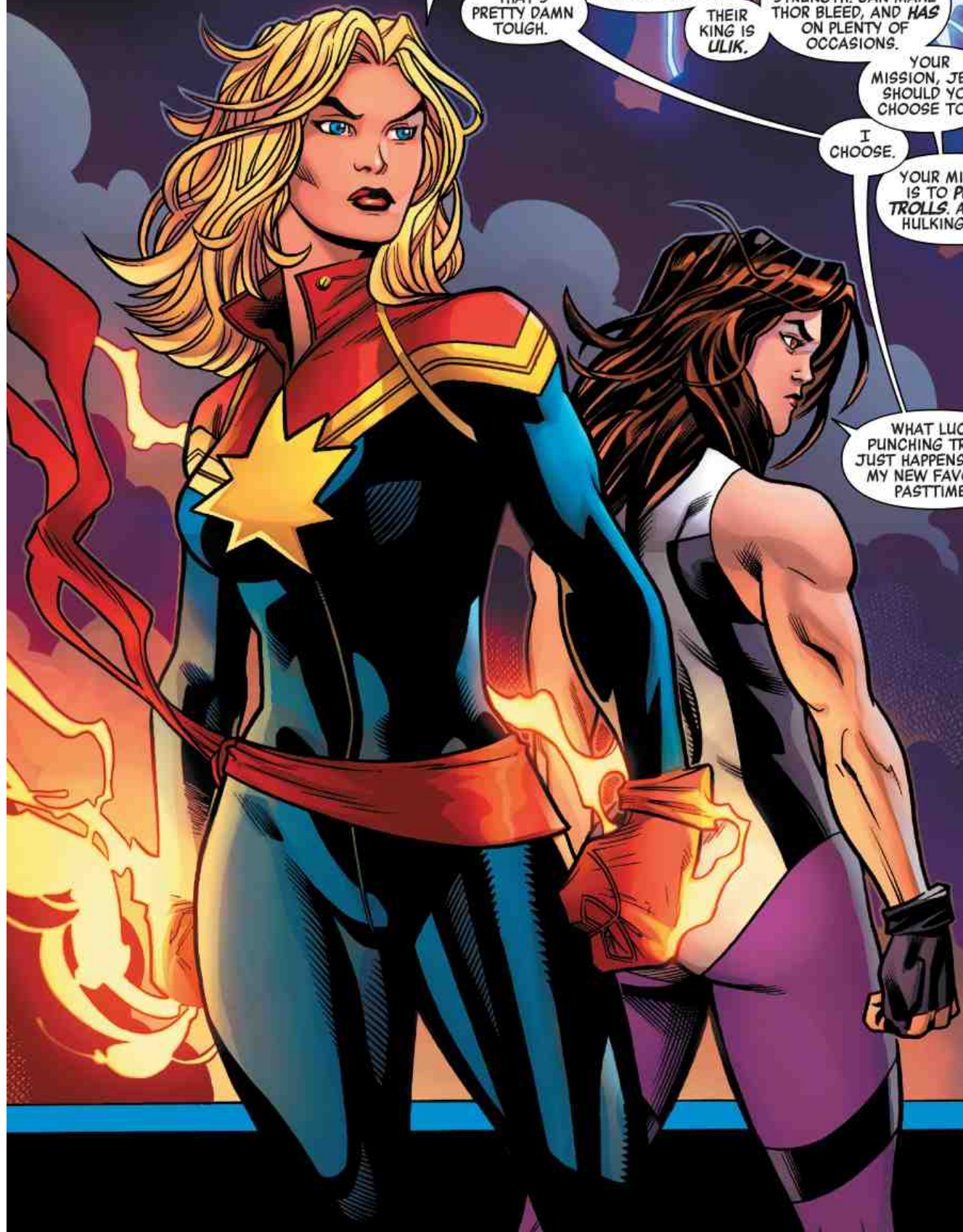
CONFIRMED
KILLER. CLASS 100
STRENGTH. CAN MAKE
THOR BLEED, AND HAS
ON PLENTY OF
OCCASIONS.

YOUR
MISSION, JEN,
SHOULD YOU
CHOOSE TO--

I
CHOOSE.

YOUR MISSION
IS TO **PUNCH**
TROLLS. A WHOLE
HULKING LOT.

WHAT LUCK.
PUNCHING TROLLS
JUST HAPPENS TO BE
MY NEW FAVORITE
PASTTIME.





OR WAIT.
MAYBE THAT'S
"BLOWING UP LIKE
A GAMMA BOMB"?
I FORGET.

HEY, THIS
ISN'T WAKANDAN
MEDITATION TIME. NO
NEED TO START PUNCHING
YOURSELF. TROLLS WILL
DO PLENTY OF THAT
FOR YOU.



LOOK, YOU WANNA
TALK ABOUT BLOWING UP?
THOR'S BLOWING UP ALL OVER
THE PLANET RIGHT NOW. MAKING
THE BIGGEST, CRAZIEST
THUNDERSTORM THE WORLD'S
EVER SEEN.

WE LIVE
THROUGH THIS,
THEY'LL GIVE HIM
A MEDAL FOR IT.
AND RIGHTFULLY
SO.



BUT NOBODY GIVES
MEDALS TO HULKS.
LET ALONE
SHE-HULKS.

YOU JUST
GET TO LIVE IN A
CELESTIAL AND HAVE
AWESOME FRIENDS,
LIKE ME.

I TRIED TO
STAY IN SVARTALFHEIM,
BY FREYJA'S SIDE. BUT...
I SEE WHERE THOR GETS HIS
STUBBORNNESS FROM. HE HAS
EVERY RIGHT TO EXPLODE.



JEN. THERE'S ENOUGH POWER IN
YOUR *SPIT* TO LIGHT UP
CONEY ISLAND. AND THE WORLD
NEEDS THAT POWER. THE
REALMS NEED IT.

I'M HEADED
TO SHANGHAI TO
DEAL WITH THE QUEEN OF
THE FIRE GOBLINS. I NEED
YOU TO LOOK ME IN THE EYE
HERE, DARLING, AND
TELL ME...

...THAT THOR'S
NOT THE ONLY ONE
WHO CAN BRING
THE *STORM*.



WHICH
WAY IS THE
ARMORY?

DON'T MAKE
ME FEEL
INVALIDATED.

YOU WOULDN'T
LIKE ME WHEN I
FEEL INVALIDATED.

ASK THE
KING OF
THE TROLLS.

SAY IT
AGAIN!





WHAT?
WHAT'D I
SAY?

THAT
THOR IS HIS
NAME, NOT A
LEGACY? SO HOW
CAN ANYONE
ELSE USE--



HGH.
MARRY
ME.



RRRGGGGGH!!!

THE
DEFENSE
RESTS, LADIES
OF THE JURY.



HHRGH?



HEY.

DEADPOOL.
BIG FAN.

BUT I
GOTTA ASK...
EVEN AT THE
RISK OF BODILY
INJURY...

WHY'D YOU
STOP BEING
FUNNY?



I MEAN,
YOU WERE REALLY
GOOD AT IT. YOU
WERE LIKE...ME
BEFORE ME.

RRGH.
RATHER BE
FREE.

HOW'S
THAT?



FREE TO
BE UGLY.



UM, WAIT,
CAN'T YOU
BE BOTH?

ASKING
FOR A
FRIEND!



I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, GORILLA-MAN. YOU'RE THINKING WE'RE ABOUT TO DIE.

HEY, THE DINOSAURS ONCE THOUGHT THE SAME THING, BUDDY. AND I RODE A PTERODACTYL TO GET HERE TODAY.

TRUST IN THE BOSS MAN. HE SAID HIS SCIENCE JUICE WOULD SHUT DOWN THEIR POWERS.

HE'S THE BLACK PANTHER.

YOU MUST BE A MIND READER, KA-ZAR! YES, WE'RE ABOUT TO DIE! A LOT!

THE DINOSAURS NEVER FACED ROXXON SUPER-SOLDIERS!

YEAH, BUT THEIR SKIN'S AS HARD AS THE DEVIL'S TOENAILS! HOW THE HELL ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GIVE 'EM A SHOT?!

ANTARCTICA.

HE THOUGHT OF THAT TOO.

HSSSSSS!



ALL RIGHT,
WHO'S THE
NEXT TWO-BIT
HULK IN NEED OF
MEDICINE?

BECAUSE
DR. BLADE
IS IN!

T'CHALLA
TO SOUTH POLE
TEAM.

ROXXON'S
HACKERS HAVE BEEN
SHUT DOWN, WHICH MEANS
THE AVENGERS MOUNTAIN
CIRCULATOR IS BACK
ONLINE.

STAND BY FOR
REINFORCEMENTS.



RRRRRRGGGGH!!!



HEH.

SOMETHING
FUNNY, LITTLE
VAMPIRE?

NOPE.

NOT
A DAMN
THING.

WHICH IS
JUST THE WAY
I LIKE IT.

COUSIN BRUCE SAID
SOMETHING ONCE, A
FEW YEARS BACK...

...ABOUT
HOW ENVIOUS
HE WAS OF ME.

HOW EASY
HE FIGURED
I HAD IT.



NEW YORK CITY.

WHEN HE HULKED OUT, HE BECAME A GIANT, DEFORMED MONSTER WHO COULDN'T EVEN WEAR NORMAL CLOTHES.

WHILE THERE I WAS LOOKING LIKE A BODYBUILDER WHO'D JUST BEEN SPRAY-PAINTED GREEN.

ROXXON HAS LOST ANTARCTICA. THE ENCHANTRESS IS IN CUSTODY IN BRAZIL. KING ULIK HAS FALLEN IN AUSTRALIA.

HELL YES, HE HAS.

QUEEN SINDR WILL SOON FALL AS WELL.

AND HERE IN FROST TOWN?

I COULD WEAR SUITS. WALK DOWN THE STREET WITHOUT PEOPLE RUNNING AND SCREAMING. TEENAGE BOYS HUNG POSTERS OF ME ON THEIR WALLS.

MUST BE NICE, BRUCE SAID, TO BE THAT KINDA HULK.

JUST TELL ME WHICH WAY'S THE TROUBLE, HORNHEAD.

ALL AROUND US, LADY JENNIFER.

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU.

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

I'D NEVER WANTED TO PUNCH MY COUSIN SO BAD. AND THAT'S SAYING SOMETHING.



THE CELESTIALS
ARE STILL WATCHING
YOU. THEY POWERED
YOU UP FOR A
REASON.

FOR
WAR.

I TOLD HIM ABOUT
THE PARTS OF BEING
ME THAT HE WAS
OBVIOUS TO.

ABOUT ALL THE
TIMES I'D BEEN HIT
ON DURING TEAM-UPS.
THE BAD GUYS WHO'D
GOT A FEEL WHEN
WE WERE FIGHTING.



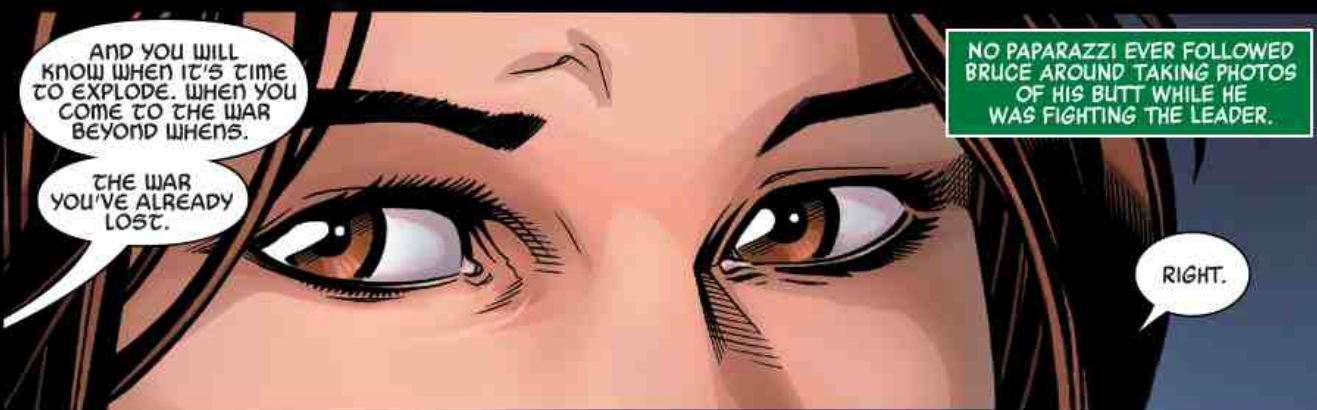
THE SLEAZEBALL WHO
PUBLISHED PHOTOS OF
ME TOPLESS WHEN I
WAS IN THE FANTASTIC
FREAKING FOUR. (I'D
REALLY RATHER YOU
DIDN'T GOOGLE THAT.)

BUT NOT
THIS WAR. OR
THE WARS YET
TO COME.

THROUGH
THE HELL RACE AND
THE DRAWING OF THE
HERALDS. THE SEA
TRIALS AND THE FURY
OF KHONSHU.

THE
RED RISE
OF AMERICA'S
MIGHTIEST
HEROES.

THROUGH IT
ALL YOUR GAMMA
RAGE WILL BURN
BRIGHTER.



AND YOU WILL
KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME
TO EXPLODE. WHEN YOU
COME TO THE WAR
BEYOND WHEN'S.

THE WAR
YOU'VE ALREADY
LOST.

NO PAPARAZZI EVER FOLLOWED
BRUCE AROUND TAKING PHOTOS
OF HIS BUTT WHILE HE
WAS FIGHTING THE LEADER.

RIGHT.



I TOLD HIM...LOOKING
LIKE A BIG SCARY
MONSTER DIDN'T SOUND
SO BAD TO ME SOMETIMES.

THANKS FOR
THOSE SUPER-
VAGUE AND UNHELPFUL
WARNINGS,
DAREDEVIL.

NOW LET
ME TELL YOU
A LITTLE
SOMETHING.

HRRGH?



BRUCE GOT ANGRY
AND WENT TO HULK-OFF
SOME STEAM.

NEXT TIME I SAW HIM,
I MADE SOME JOKE AND HE
LAUGHED AND WE NEVER TALKED
AGAIN ABOUT HIM BEING ENVIOUS.

YOU'RE
IN THE
WRONG REALM,
MORTALS. THIS
ONE'S OURS.

WE'LL SEND
YOU WHERE YOU
BELONG. IT'S
CALLED HEL.

NOW BRUCE IS...AN IMMORTAL
HORROR-SHOW. AND I'M AN AVENGER.
I'M OUT HERE SAVING THE WORLD.

BUT IF YOU SEE ME COMING DOWN
THE STREET, I'M ALL RIGHT IF YOU
WANNA SCREAM AND RUN AWAY.

YOU'RE
TALKING ABOUT
WAR?

WELL, I'M
A HULK.

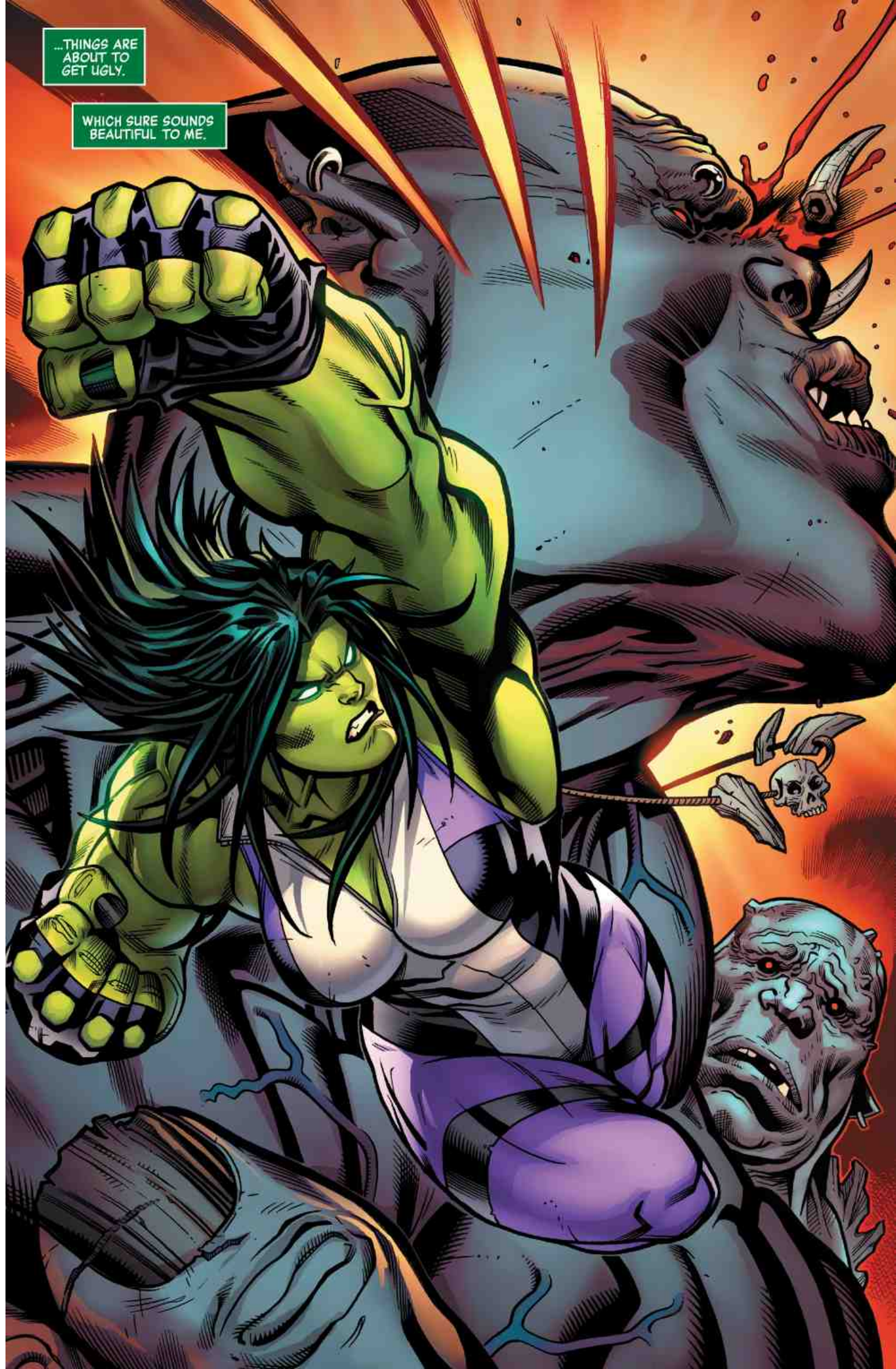
LITTLE
SECRET ABOUT
HULKS.

YOU SHOULD,
BECAUSE CHANCES
ARE, IF I'M IN
YOUR TOWN...

WE'RE
ALWAYS AT
WAR.

...THINGS ARE
ABOUT TO
GET UGLY.

WHICH SURE SOUNDS
BEAUTIFUL TO ME.



21 THE DAY AFTER A DAY UNLIKE ANY OTHER







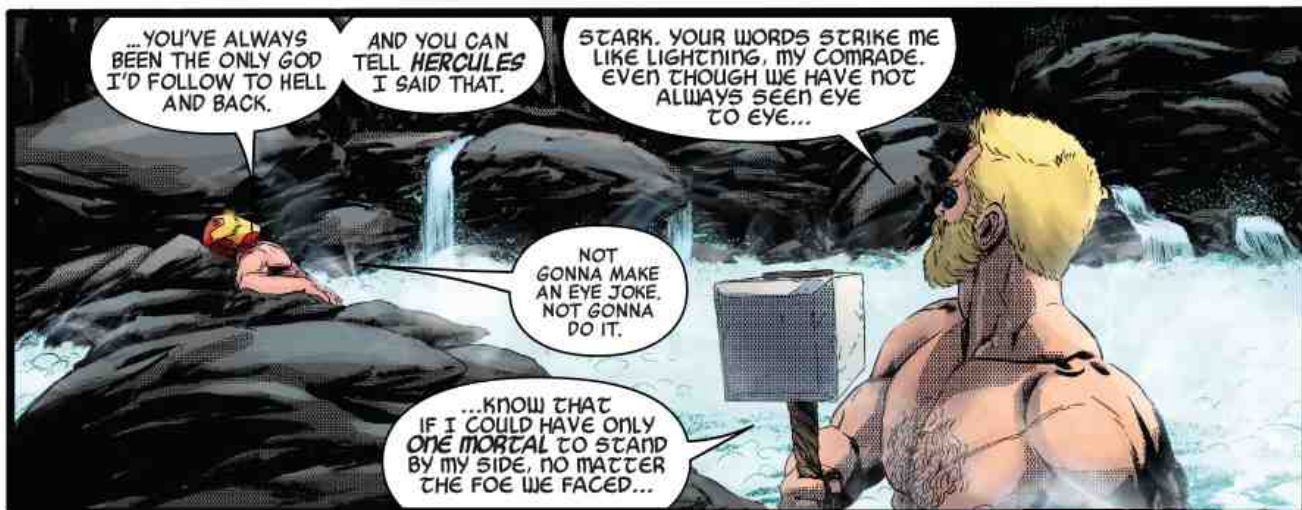
I GET IT, BIG GUY. I DO. I KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR EVERCLEAR MEANS TO YOU.

MJOLNIR.

THAT'S WHAT I SAID. IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU FEELING LIKE YOURSELF AGAIN.

I CAN ALMOST REMEMBER WHAT THAT'S LIKE.

JUST KNOW, THOR, THUNDER STICK OR NO THUNDER STICK...



...YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE ONLY GOD I'D FOLLOW TO HELL AND BACK.

AND YOU CAN TELL HERCULES I SAID THAT.

STARK. YOUR WORDS STRIKE ME LIKE LIGHTNING, MY COMRADE. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE NOT ALWAYS SEEN EYE TO EYE...

NOT GONNA MAKE AN EYE JOKE. NOT GONNA DO IT.

...KNOW THAT IF I COULD HAVE ONLY ONE MORTAL TO STAND BY MY SIDE, NO MATTER THE FOE WE FACED...



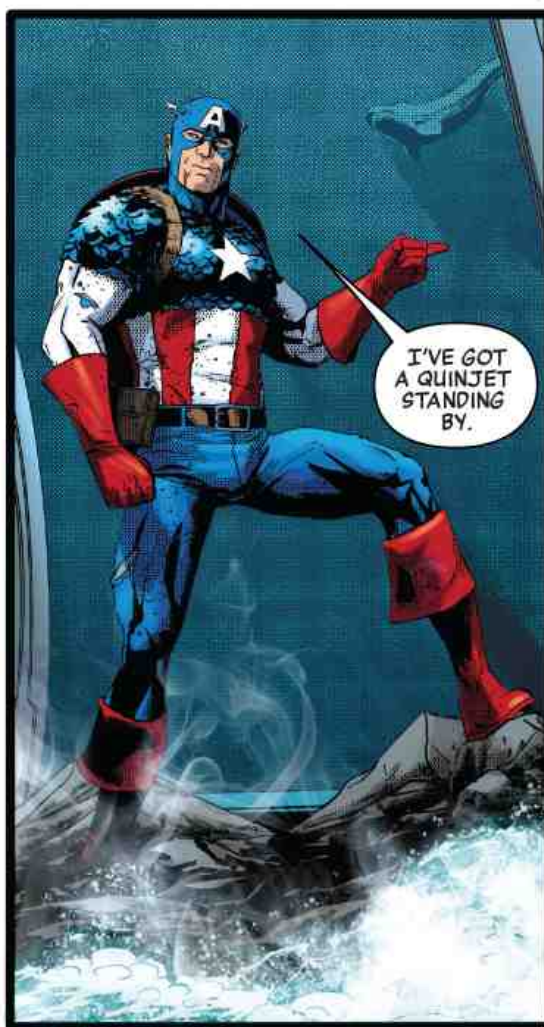
YOU'D CHOOSE STEVE. WE'D ALL CHOOSE STEVE.

WELL...

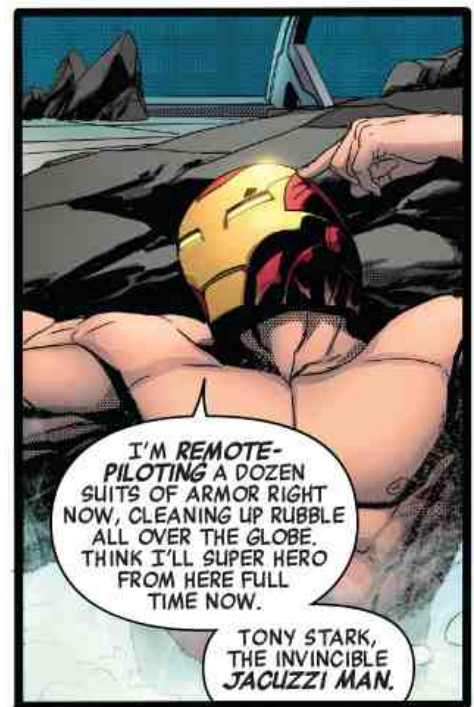
AYE. I SUPPOSE SO.

BUT IF THE FIGHT WAS IN MID-AIR...

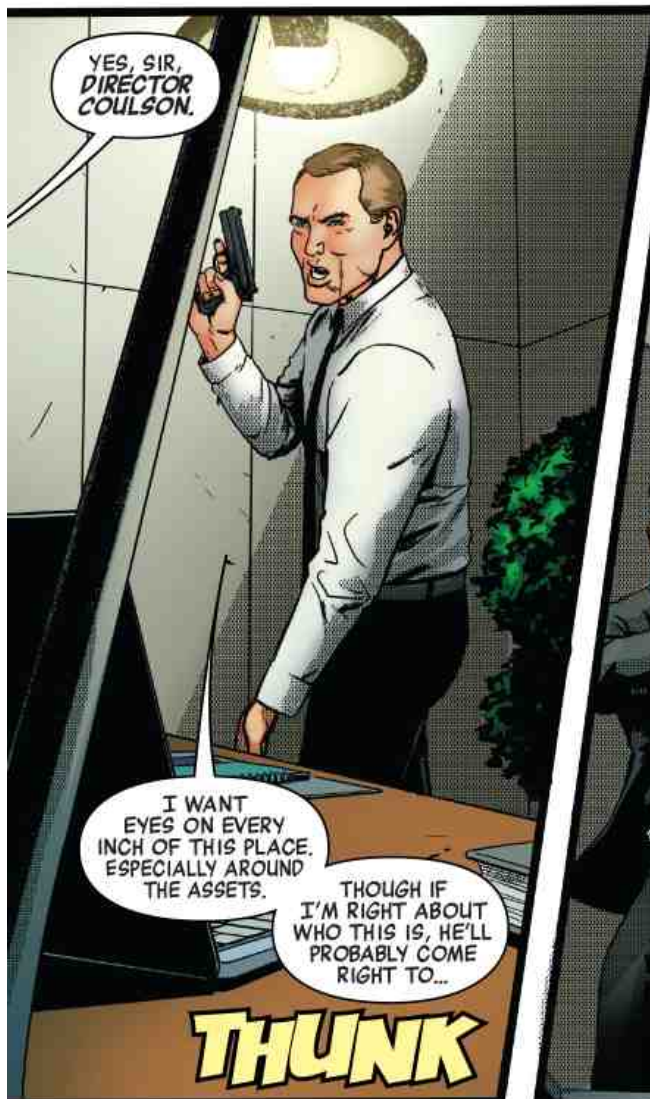
WHO ARE WE FIGHTING?

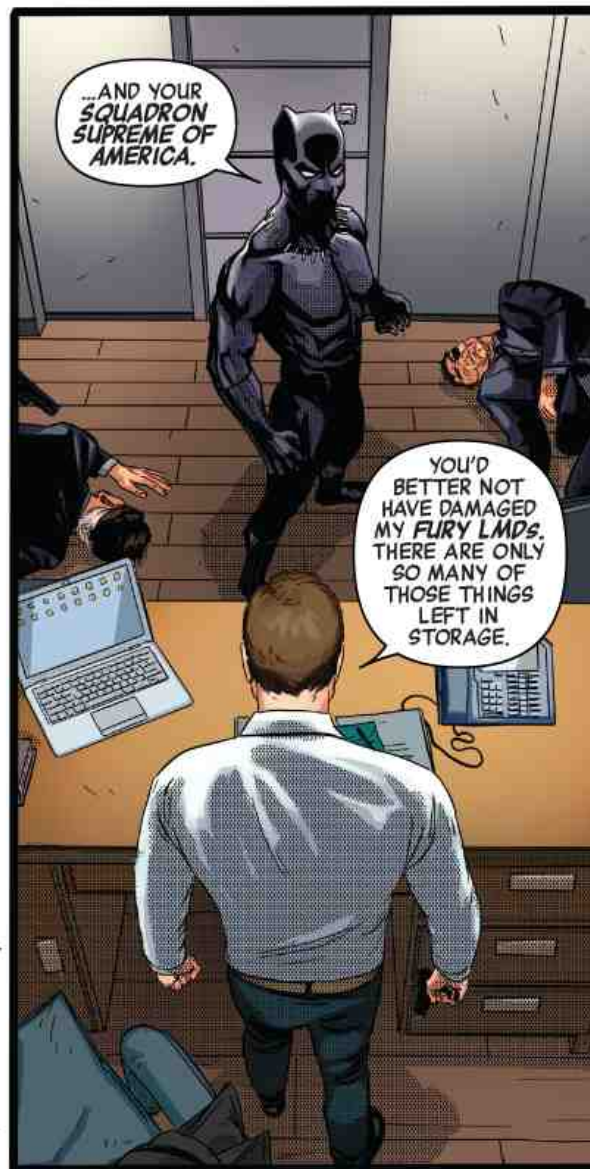
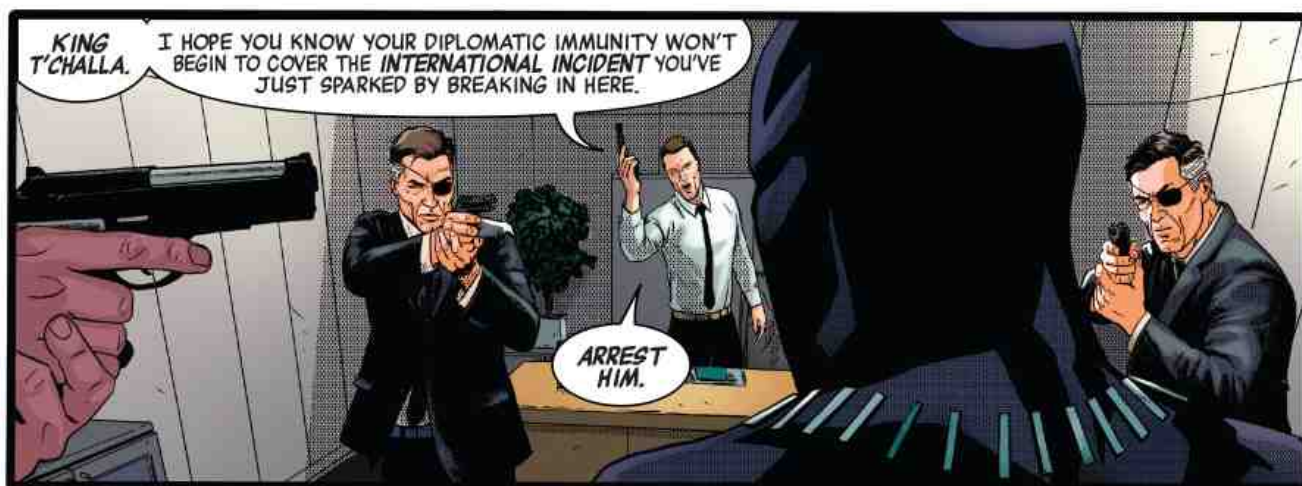


I'VE GOT A QUINJET STANDING BY.











HUH.

GUESS IT SHOWS JUST
HOW *CRAZY* MY LIFE IS
THESE DAYS THAT THIS BIG,
WEIRD, DEAD-SPACE-GOD
HEADQUARTERS OF OURS...

...IS
ACTUALLY
STARTING TO
FEEL LIKE
HOME.

AND
WHAT'S EVEN
CRAZIER...IS THAT
I *KINDA LOVE*
THAT.

DAMN, THEY COULDN'T HAVE
HOSED YOU OFF BEFORE THEY
BROUGHT YOU BACK IN FROM WAR
OF THE REALMS CLEANUP DUTY?
I COULD SMELL THE FROST
GIANT *BLOOD* FROM THREE
MILES OUT.

HELL.

I COULD
PRACTICALLY
TASTE IT.

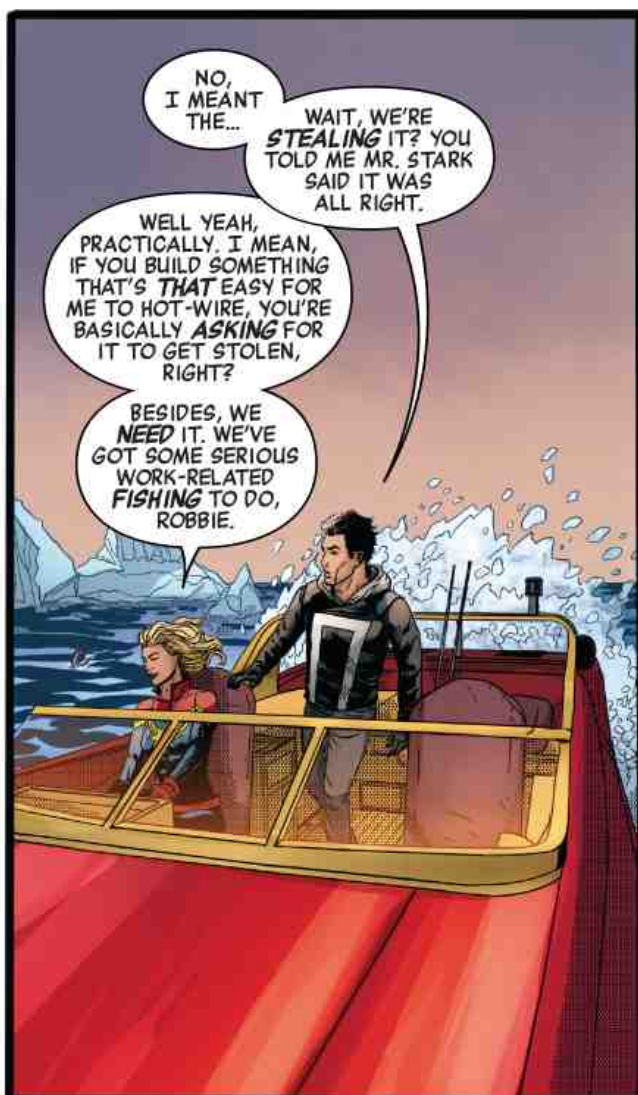






YOU
SURE THIS IS A
GOOD IDEA, MS.
CAROL?

WHAT,
STEALING TONY'S
SPEEDBOAT?



NO,
I MEANT
THE...

WAIT, WE'RE
STEALING IT? YOU
TOLD ME MR. STARK
SAID IT WAS
ALL RIGHT.

WELL YEAH,
PRACTICALLY. I MEAN,
IF YOU BUILD SOMETHING
THAT'S *THAT* EASY FOR
ME TO HOT-WIRE, YOU'RE
BASICALLY *ASKING* FOR
IT TO GET STOLEN,
RIGHT?

BESIDES, WE
NEED IT. WE'VE
GOT SOME SERIOUS
WORK-RELATED
FISHING TO DO,
ROBBIE.



HOLY
HELLFIRE!

**MUSPELHEIM
FIRESHARKS.** THE WATERS
AROUND AVENGERS MOUNTAIN
ARE TEEMING WITH THESE
BAD BOYS.

I'M GUESSING
OUR OLD PAL **NAMOR**
ROUNDED THEM UP AND LEFT
THEM ON OUR DOORSTEP,
JUST TO SHOW US HE
STILL CARES.



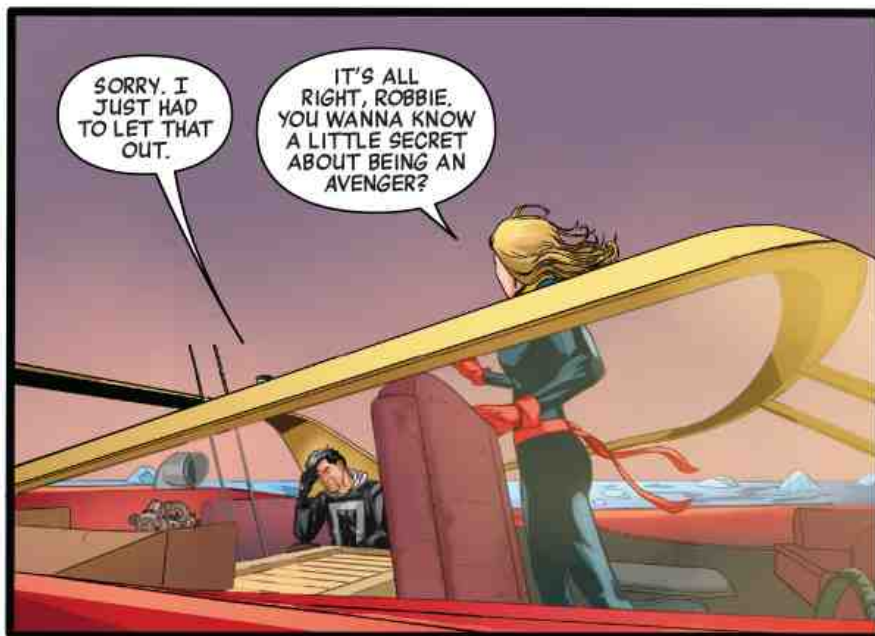
BUT YOU AND ME, KID,
WE GOT SOME WAKANDAN
FISHING RODS AND A
BUCKET OF ASGARDIAN
BAIT AND A WHOLE DAY
TO ENJOY SOME
PEACE AND--

I'M...I'M
TERRIFIED.

OF MY CAR.
OF THE MONSTER
INSIDE ME. OF BEING
THE GHOST
RIDER.

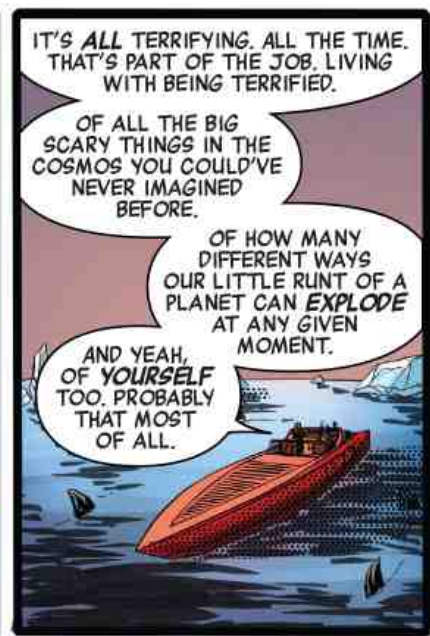
I'M TERRIFIED
EVERY SECOND
OF EVERY DAMN
DAY.

I'M
TERRIFIED OF
BEING AN
AVENGER.



SORRY, I JUST HAD TO LET THAT OUT.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, ROBBIE. YOU WANNA KNOW A LITTLE SECRET ABOUT BEING AN AVENGER?



IT'S ALL TERRIFYING. ALL THE TIME. THAT'S PART OF THE JOB. LIVING WITH BEING TERRIFIED.

OF ALL THE BIG SCARY THINGS IN THE COSMOS YOU COULD'VE NEVER IMAGINED BEFORE.

OF HOW MANY DIFFERENT WAYS OUR LITTLE RUNT OF A PLANET CAN **EXPLODE** AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT.

AND YEAH, OF **YOURSELF** TOO. PROBABLY THAT MOST OF ALL.



YOU EVER HEARD OF THE **KREE**?

NO. IS THAT SOMETHING THAT'S GONNA MAKE ME MORE TERRIFIED THAN I ALREADY AM?

MAYBE. HOPEFULLY YOU NEVER HAVE TO FIND OUT.

THEY'RE A RACE OF ALIEN CONQUERORS. USUALLY IF THERE'S SOMETHING BAD GOING DOWN SOMEWHERE OUT AMONG THE STARS, YOU CAN BET YOUR BUNS THE **KREE** ARE INVOLVED.



I'VE FOUGHT THEM PLENTY OF TIMES OVER THE YEARS. THEN I FOUND OUT RECENTLY...MY **MOM** WAS **KREE**.

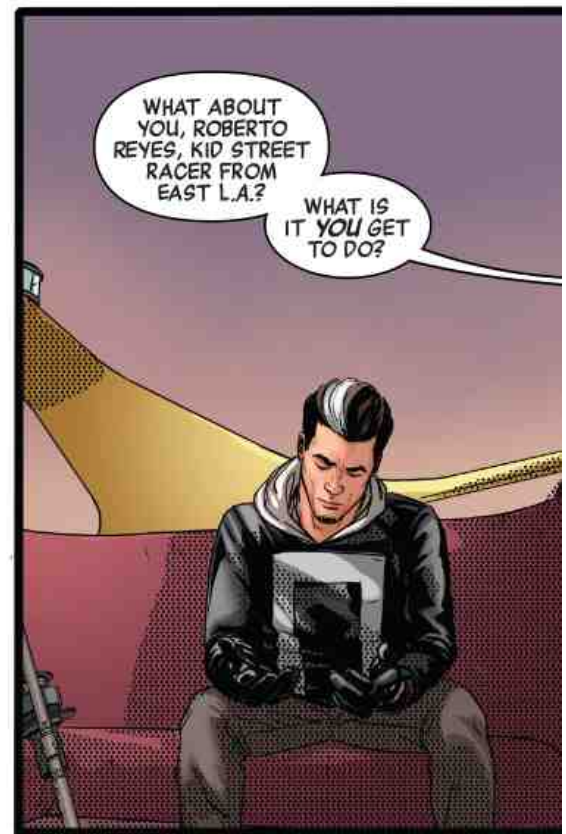
SO YOU TALK ABOUT BEING SCARED OF YOURSELF, WELL, MAYBE WE SHOULD START A **CLUB**, KID.



SO HOW DO WE **LIVE** WITH IT? WITHOUT GOING CRAZY?

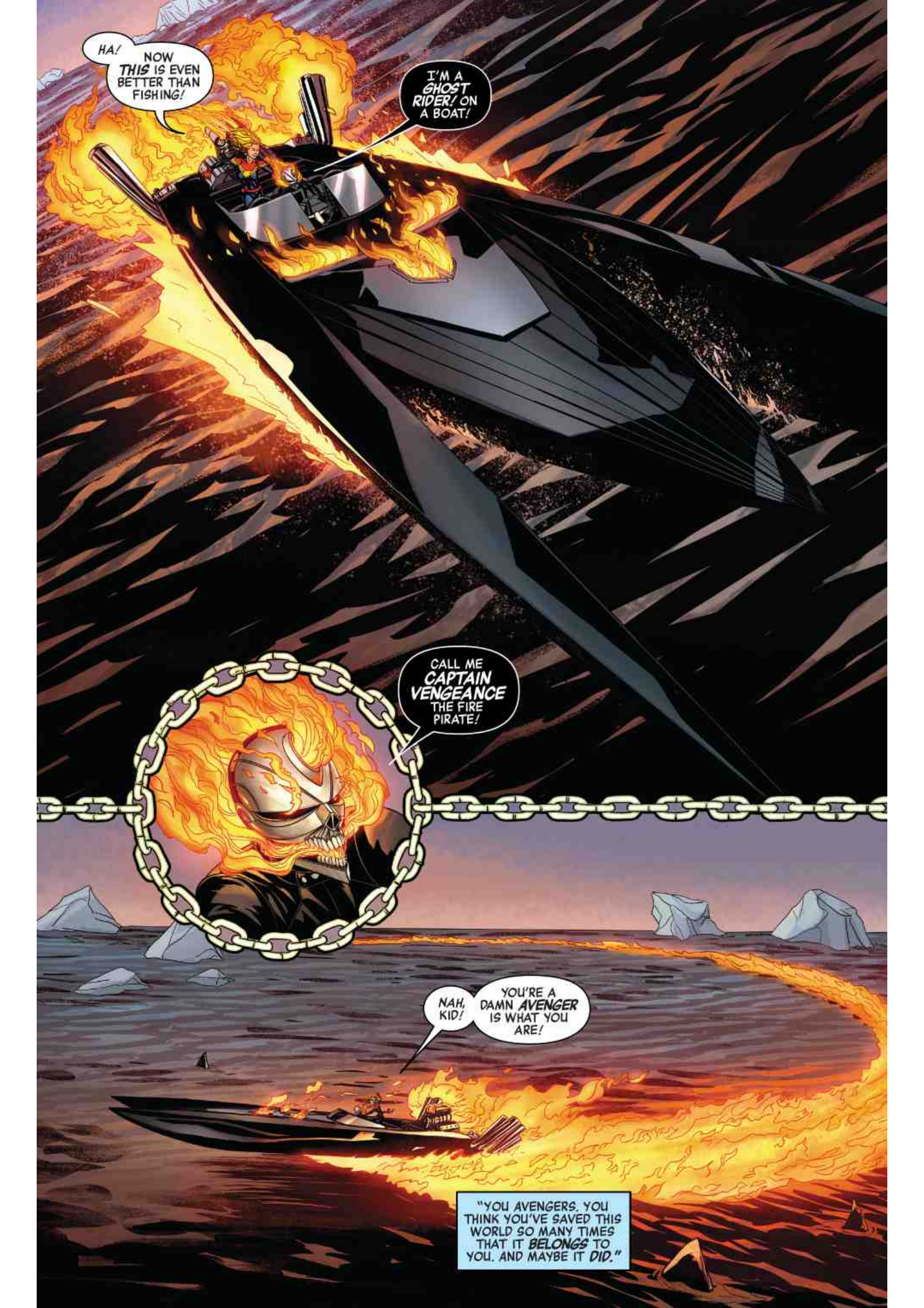
I GET TO **FLY**. WHENEVER I WANT. AS FAST AS I CAN GO.

AND WHEN I'M UP THERE, IT'S ALL WORTH IT. ALL THE TERROR. ALL THE PAIN. EVERYTHING.



WHAT ABOUT YOU, ROBERTO REYES, KID STREET RACER FROM EAST L.A.?

WHAT IS IT YOU GET TO DO?



HA!
NOW
THIS IS EVEN
BETTER THAN
FISHING!

I'M A
GHOST
RIDER! ON
A BOAT!

CALL ME
CAPTAIN
VENGEANCE
THE FIRE
PIRATE!

NAH,
KID!

YOU'RE A
DAMN **AVENGER**
IS WHAT YOU
ARE!

"YOU AVENGERS. YOU
THINK YOU'VE SAVED THIS
WORLD SO MANY TIMES
THAT IT **BELONGS** TO
YOU. AND MAYBE IT **DID**."



BEFORE WE
CAME ALONG, BUT
NOT ANYMORE. NOT
THIS PART OF
THE WORLD, AT
LEAST.

THE ONLY
DAMN PART THAT
MATTERS. NO
OFFENSE.

WITH ALL
DUE RESPECT, SIR,
THE UNITED STATES
NO LONGER NEEDS
YOU AND YOUR ANTI-
AMERICAN AVENGERS.
IT HAS US.

YEAH, SO
WHY DON'T YOU
RUN BACK TO
AFRICA, PAL? WE
GOT THIS.

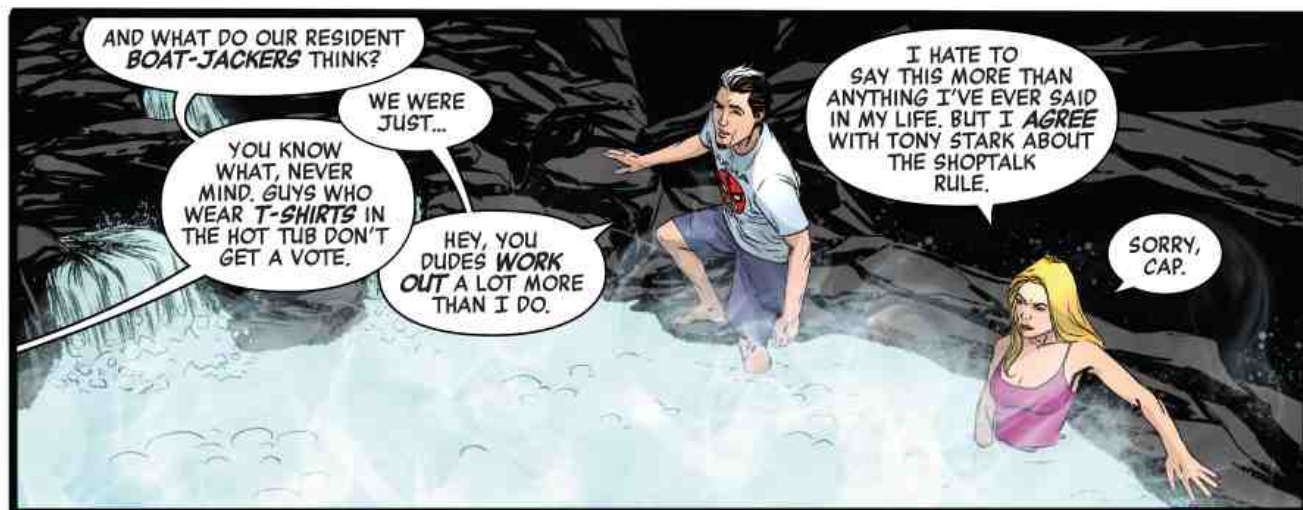
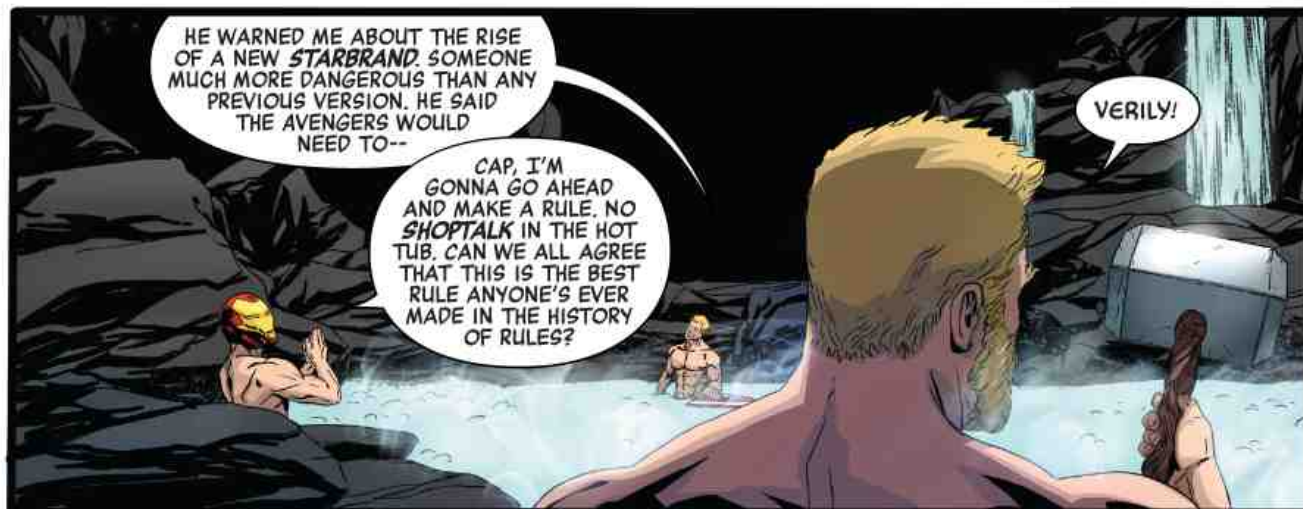
HE
CAN'T,
BLUR.

BECAUSE THE
BLACK PANTHER
IS GOING TO
JAIL.

AND IF HE'S
AS SMART AS
EVERYONE SEEMS
TO THINK HE IS...HE
WON'T RESIST ARREST.
BECAUSE THAT WOULD
NOT GO WELL FOR
HIM HERE.

I HAVE NOT
COME TO FIGHT,
NIGHTHAWK. NOT
TODAY. I ONLY
CAME TO POSE
A QUESTION.







HULK COMING IN.

OH LORD.

HUZZAH!

HOT TUB...OF MIRACLES.



MAN, LOOK AT US. HANGING OUT JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS.

IT'S FINALLY STARTING TO FEEL LIKE AN AVENGERS TEAM AROUND HERE. WE JUST NEED SOME OF JARVIS' SNACKS.

AYE! THE SANDWICHES OF THE FINGERS! SUMMON THE BUTLER!

YEAH, WHERE IS THAT GORILLA?

IS IT ALWAYS LIKE THIS?



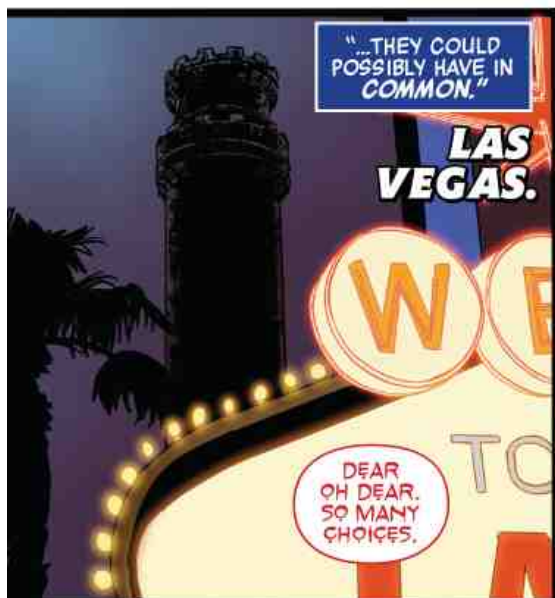
LIKE WHAT?

I DON'T KNOW, LIKE WHATEVER YOU'D CALL THIS RIGHT HERE.

THE EARTH'S MIGHTIEST FOUND FAMILY? YEAH. WHEN IT WORKS IT IS.







"...THEY COULD POSSIBLY HAVE IN COMMON."

LAS VEGAS.

DEAR OH DEAR. SO MANY CHOICES.



HMMM... WHAT MOVE TO MAKE NEXT?

HEH, OH, I KNOW.



HOW ABOUT MEPHISTO MAKES THEM ALL?

**HAHAHA
HA HA!**

TO BE CONTINUED!

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I'M NOT USED TO NOT KNOWING THINGS. IT'S KINDA MY SUPER-POWER, KNOWING ALL THE THINGS.

WHAT THE HELL...?

**SOMEWHERE.
SOMETIME.**

BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT JUST HAPPENED. NO IDEA WHERE I EVEN *AM* RIGHT NOW.

UNKNOWN
ENERGY DISCHARGE
DETECTED.

YA THINK?
WHERE'D THE DIG
SITE GO? WHERE'D
EVERYTHING
GO?

SCANNING
FOR AVAILABLE
NETWORKS.

SCANNING.

NO
SATELLITES
FOUND.

THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!
I'M **IRON MAN**, I
HAVE WI-FI WHEN I
GO TO THE **MOON**.
HOW...

OH. OKAY, I
GET IT NOW.

AH, CRAP.
PLEASE TELL
ME THIS IS
THE SAVAGE
LAND.

THIS ISN'T THE SAVAGE LAND.
WHICH MEANS I'M NOT JUST
MY USUAL SELF--TONY STARK,
SMARTEST MAN ON EARTH.

IF MY GUESS IS RIGHT (AND
WHO ARE WE KIDDING, MY
GUESSES ARE ALWAYS RIGHT)...

...I JUST BECAME
THE **ONLY MAN**
ON EARTH.

**THE GULF OF MEXICO.
THE KEATHLEY CANYON OIL FIELDS.
A TIME YET TO COME.**

I'M AN AVENGER.
EVERY DAY FOR US
IS A DAY UNLIKE
ANY OTHER.

THIS IS
THE ROXXON
HELIDERRICK, JUST
SOUTH OF GALVESTON,
AND WE ARE UNDER
ATTACK!

IT'S KIND OF IN THE
JOB DESCRIPTION. IT'S
WHY WE...AVENGE.

THE WHOLE
RIG IS DESTABILIZED!
NOT SURE HOW LONG
WE CAN KEEP HER IN THE
AIR! WE'RE LIKE A FISH
ON THE LINE UP
HERE!

REQUEST
PERMISSION
TO SEVER THE
PIPELINE!

PERMISSION
DENIED. DEPLOY
THE RESPONSE
TEAM. DO YOU HAVE
EYES ON THE
ATTACKERS?

NO, BUT
IT'S GOTTA BE
THEM AGAIN!

"IT'S THAT DAMN
NAMOR AND HIS FISH-
FREAK TERRORISTS!"

BUT LATELY, EACH DAY
SEEMS EVEN MORE...
UNLIKE THAN EVER.

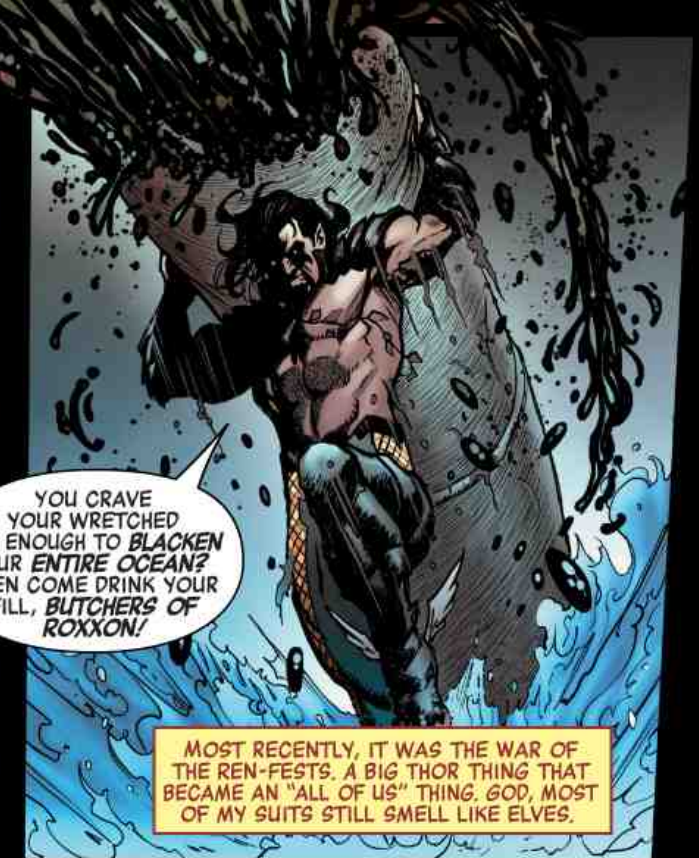


IT ALL STARTED WITH AN INVASION BY 2,000-FOOT-TALL KILLER SPACE GODS. **THE FINAL HOST.** THAT'S WHAT GOT US ALL "AVENGERS ASSEMBLING" AGAIN.

RESPONSE TEAM IN THE AIR. DEPTH CHARGES PRIMED. ALL RIGHT, BOYS, LET'S GO FISHING.

YOU CRAVE YOUR WRETCHED OIL ENOUGH TO **BLACKEN** OUR ENTIRE OCEAN? THEN COME DRINK YOUR FILL, **BUTCHERS OF ROXXON!**

MOST RECENTLY, IT WAS THE WAR OF THE REN-FESTS. A BIG THOR THING THAT BECAME AN "ALL OF US" THING. GOD, MOST OF MY SUITS STILL SMELL LIKE ELVES.



AND THAT'S NOT EVEN MENTIONING THE CRAZY FISH-PEOPLE AND THE NEW KINGDOM OF THE VAMPIRES AND, HEY, THE RUSSIANS ARE TOTALLY A THING AGAIN.

GAAAGH!!!
LOOK OUT!

AAAAARRRGH!!!



IN OTHER WORDS, THE EARTH HAS BEEN THROUGH HELL LATELY.

ORKA, GO DOWN AND SEAL THE BREACH. BLOODTIDE, USE YOUR MAGIC TO CONTAIN THE SPILL. MANOWAR...

SPEAK FOR THE SEA.



IT NEEDS ITS **MIGHTIEST HEROES** NOW MORE THAN EVER.



RIGHT NOW, I'M
JUST NOT SURE THE
EARTH COULD AGREE...

GAGGH! THE
WHOLE RIG'S IN
FLAMES! WE'RE
ALL GONNA DIE! TELL
ME THE BIG GUNS
ARE COMING!

...ON WHO THOSE
HEROES ARE.

TELL ME
SOMEBODY CALLED
THE SQUADRON
SUPREME OF
AMERICA!





LOOK, I'VE NEVER CONSIDERED MYSELF AN ENEMY OF D.C. THERE'VE BEEN TIMES YOU COULD EVEN SAY I WAS A BIG FAN.

AGENT COULSON TO THE SQUADRON. WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?

AWESOME. A BIT HUNGRY. HOW ARE YOU?

NO MATTER THE REGIME, THEY'VE ALWAYS HAD PEOPLE THERE WHO DO GREAT WORK. IT'S IN ALL OF OUR BEST INTERESTS THAT THEY DO GREAT WORK.

BUT IT'S ALWAYS SEEMED TO ME THEY SPEND TOO MUCH TIME WORRIED ABOUT US, AND ANNOYED WE SPEND SO LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT THEM.



THIS WILL JUST KEEP HAPPENING UNTIL WE DEAL WITH ATLANTIS DIRECTLY. I HAVE SCUBA GEAR IN MY BELT. GIVE ME FIFTEEN MINUTES AND THERE'LL BE NO MORE ATLANTIS.

NEGATIVE, NIGHTHAWK. JUST PUSH THEM OUT OF AMERICAN WATERS. AND THEN THEY'RE NOT OUR PROBLEM.



HA! YOU DIDN'T SAY THEY HAD TO STAY IN ONE PIECE!

AND NOW THEY THINK THEY CAN DO US BETTER THAN WE CAN WITH THIS SHINY NEW SQUADRON SUPREME OF AMERICA.

BUT WE ALL KNOW, EVEN THOSE GOOD PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON, D.C., THAT WHEN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD NEEDS SAVING, AND RIGHT NOW IT MOST ASSUREDLY DOES...



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!



FOR THE SEA! IMPERIUS REX!

...NOBODY BUT US WILL DO.

SO HATE US ALL YOU LIKE. BUT DEEP DOWN, YOU DAMN WELL KNOW YOU WANNA BE US.

YOU WANNA SCREAM WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT...

MAKE MINE
AVENGERS!

AVENGERS MOUNTAIN. THE NORTH POLE.

THIS CAN'T
BE HAPPENING,
RIGHT?

THIS IS TOO
WEIRD TO BE
HAPPENING.

SAYS THE
GHOST RIDER TO
THE VAMPIRE.

BUT WHAT DO
WE DO? HOW DO
WE FIGHT THIS?

THAT'S NOT TO SAY WE ALWAYS KNOW WHAT
WE'RE DOING AROUND HERE. EVEN WHEN IT
LOOKS LIKE WE DO, WE PROBABLY MADE
IT UP ON THE FLY. WE'RE GOOD AT THAT.

AT THIS POINT,
I FEAR THERE IS
ONLY ONE POSSIBLE
COURSE OF ACTION,
ROBBIE REYES.

WE MUST
PERFORM AN
EXORCISM ON
YOUR CAR.

IT JUST MEANS THINGS
GET WEIRD SOMETIMES.
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT OL'
TONY STARK ALWAYS SAYS...

IF IT AIN'T WEIRD,
YOU AIN'T TRYING.

SHI'AR-CONTROLLED SPACE.

THIS WAS
A TERRIBLE
IDEA.

WE NEVER
SHOULD'VE SENT
THE EARTHERS. WE'LL
NEVER SEE OUR
MAJESTOR AGAIN,
WILL WE?

SHARRA AND
K'YTHRI SAVE US,
THIS WILL BE THE END
OF THE SHI'AR
IMPERIUM.

LOOK, IF
THERE'S ONE THING
I'VE LEARNED IN ALL
MY FURLONGHS TO
PLANET SIN...

RAVENSTARR
MAXIMUM-SECURITY PRISON GALAXY.
NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT
SHI'AR AUTHORIZATION.

...IT'S THAT
YOU NEVER BET
AGAINST EARTHERS WHEN
IT COMES TO *SURVIVING*.
THEY'RE RIDICULOUSLY
GOOD AT IT.

KEEP
TRYING TO
RAISE THEM.

LIGHT-YEARS AWAY. DEEP IN THE HEART OF THE PRISON GALAXY.

THIS IS THE SHI'AR
DREADNOUGHT FLEET
CALLING THE AVENGERS.
COME IN, AVENGERS.

THAT'S THEM
AGAIN. DO WE
ANSWER?

NO. WE CAN'T
TRUST THEM. AND
THEY CAN'T HELP
US ANYWAY.



A comic book page featuring Iron Man in a snowy, mountainous environment. He is surrounded by several large, white, bear-like creatures with sharp teeth and claws. One bear is particularly large and is attacking Iron Man. Iron Man is shown in various poses: standing, being crushed, and lying on the ground. The scene is dynamic with action lines and a sense of intense combat.

THE SAME THING
AS THE PAST.

NO NO NO, WE'RE NOT
DOING THIS. LA LA LA,
I'M NOT LISTENING TO
YOUR MONSTROUS
ROARS! THAT MEANS
YOU'RE NOT REAL!

PEOPLE WILL TRY TO KILL US. SOMETIMES
THEY MIGHT SUCCEED. BUT THE DREAM
WE FIGHT FOR WILL NEVER DIE.

BECAUSE IF YOU
WERE REAL, THAT WOULD
MEAN THAT DOOHICKEY
WE DUG UP AFTER THE WAR
OF THE REALMS HAD MADE
ME TIME-TRAVEL, AND I
HATE TIME TRAVEL, WITH
A CAPITAL HRRRRGGH!

I'M IRON MAN.
I FIGHT COOL KILLER
ROBOTS AND CRAZY
SCIENTISTS WITH CRACKLY
WHIPS, NOT DELETED
SCENES FROM THE LAND
BEFORE TIME...

THAT'S PEACE, I THINK? PRETTY SURE
THE DREAM STARTED OUT AS PEACE.
MAYBE IT'S JUST SURVIVAL NOW. THE BAR'S
DEFINITELY BEEN LOWERED OVER TIME.

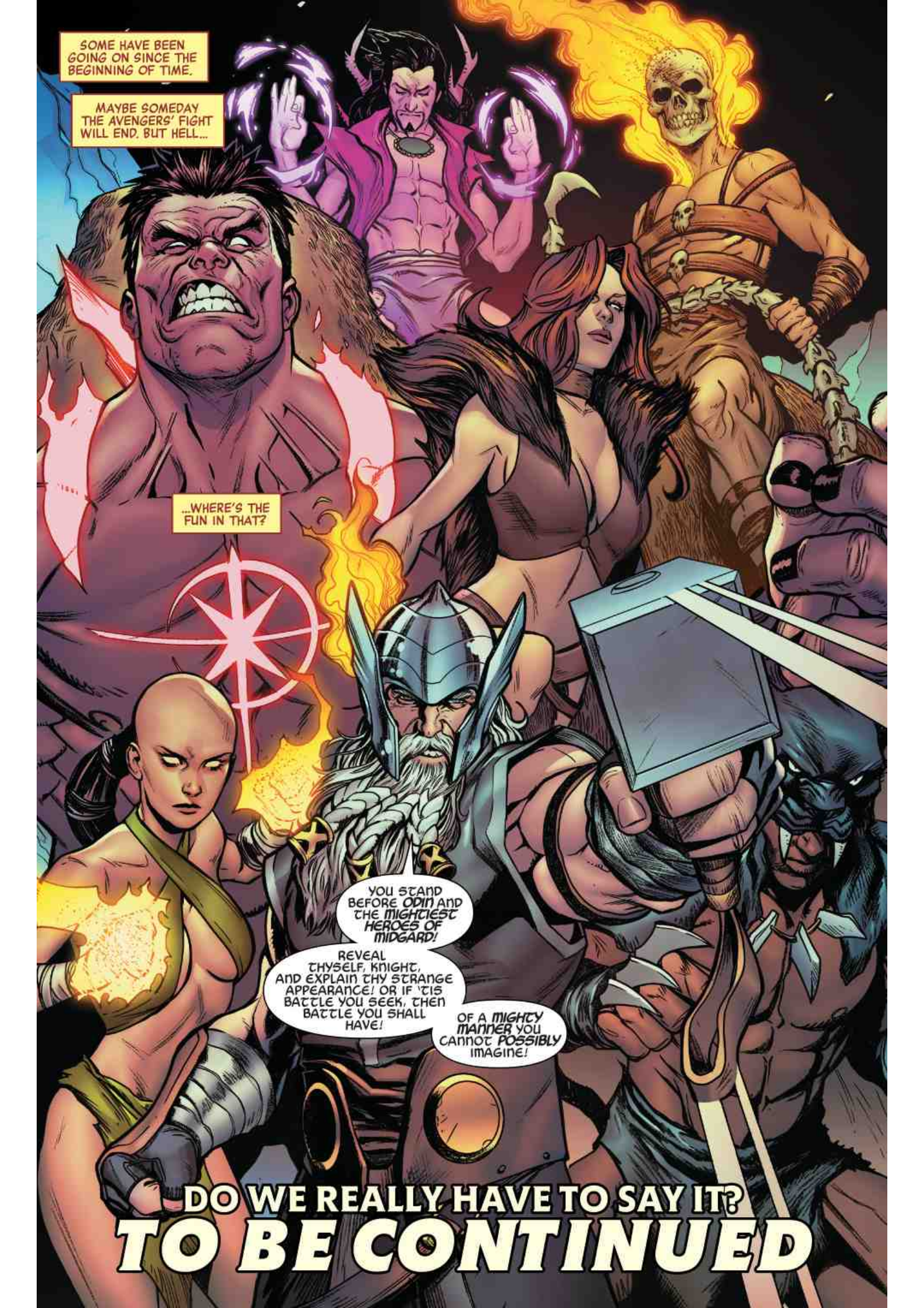
HEY! I KNOW
THAT HAMMER!
THOR, HOW DID
YOU FIND ME?

THE IMPORTANT THING IS
WE KEEP FIGHTING. AND
THEN EVENTUALLY WE
FIGURE IT ALL OUT AND
EVERYBODY'S HAPPY.

PROBABLY. MAYBE.
YOU KNOW HOW THESE
THINGS GO. SOME
FIGHTS NEVER REALLY
END, DO THEY?

THOR?
WHAT IS A
THOR?

OH
BOY.



SOME HAVE BEEN
GOING ON SINCE THE
BEGINNING OF TIME.

MAYBE SOMEDAY
THE AVENGERS' FIGHT
WILL END. BUT HELL...

...WHERE'S THE
FUN IN THAT?

YOU STAND
BEFORE ODIN AND
THE MIGHTIEST
HEROES OF
MIDGARD!

REVEAL
THYSELF, KNIGHT,
AND EXPLAIN THY STRANGE
APPEARANCE! OR IF 'TIS
BATTLE YOU SEEK, THEN
BATTLE YOU SHALL
HAVE!

OF A MIGHTY
MANNER YOU
CANNOT POSSIBLY
IMAGINE!

DO WE REALLY HAVE TO SAY IT?
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"Aaron and McGuinness really get to flex their muscles." — Newsarama

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AS THE WAR OF THE REALMS COMES to the nation's capital, the greatest heroes of Washington, D.C., race into action! But who are they, and where did they come from? Only Agent Coulson knows! Meanwhile, Avengers Mountain comes under siege by the forces of Malekith — and in the final battle for Midgard, Captain Marvel leads the War Avengers! Hulk battles Ulik! Blade takes on the Black Berserkers of Roxxon! And Daredevil, the God Without Fear, has a cryptic message that will decide the team's future! Then, in the aftermath of war, Earth's Mightiest Heroes are looking to celebrate with a party at Avengers Mountain — but where is Black Panther?



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